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10 KILLED IN FOG PILE-UP

Speed restriction law planned

By GERALD BARTLETT and
ALAN COPPS

THE Government is to consider making the hazard warning signals on motorways legally enforceable after yesterday's 10 deaths in a pile-up of 22 vehicles on the fogbound M25.

At present the speed-limit signals are merely advisory. The proposal that they be made mandatory was disclosed in the Commons by the Transport Minister, Mrs Chalker, when she promised an investigation into the "terrible tragedy" of the M25.

She told MPs that warning lights on the M25 near the Kent-Surrey border had been on all night because of "appalling" conditions.

But Mr Mark Wolfson, Tory MP for Sevenoaks, said the lights were not operating on the stretch of motorway between Godstone, Surrey, and Sevenoaks, Kent — the scene of the pile-up just after 6 a.m.

That section of the motorway, set in a valley, is said to be notorious for its fog banks.

Kent police confirmed later that the hazard warning lights were not switched on until police officers arrived at the scene after the crash.

A patrol in the area an hour earlier had reported that the fog was not thick.

Following the accident, police closed the M25 to a blanket of fog as they travelled from Sevenoaks to wards the scene, said the police spokesman.

The victims of yesterday's pile-up died as lorries and cars ploughed into each other and were then engulfed in 20ft high flames as a petrol tanker exploded.

The fog, which blanketed the south-east and central Britain on Monday night and early Tuesday, caused a spate of casualties, closing five motorways for a time in the South-East alone.

But the scale and death toll of the M25 crash shocked hardened police and ambulance crews.

Tachometers of two lorries — one of them among the first to crash — the other the last — revealed the timescale of the carnage.

The first tachometer stopped at 8.05 a.m. and the last at 8.18 a.m. — a difference of 13 minutes.

Most of the vehicles were burned out, many welded together by the intense heat. And one lorry ironically bore a "keep your distance" sticker on its front bumper.

Twelve hours after the crash, rescue teams found a car with a body inside hidden under one of the lorries.

"We knew there was a body, but we didn't know there was a car. That is the kind of thing we are dealing with," said a police spokesman.

Dazed survivors spoke of hearing screams of agony through the fog and of being catapulted through doors and windcreens as they were repeatedly smothered around the wreckage.

But most of the injured — 10 killed, 10 injured — were taken to Bromley Hospital where they are still being treated.

Only three of the 10 people taken to Bromley Hospital were still there last night.

They were Mrs Margaret Cross, 56, who has a fractured collar, her son Ian, 24, with a broken leg, both of Pettis Wood, Orpington, and Mr Kenneth Mallion, 24, of Sittingbourne, Kent, who has a head injury.

Those less seriously injured included Deborah Hall, 50, of Burgess Green, Kent; Janet Brown, 32, of Billericay; Ray Chambers, 24, of Southend; Kevin Richards, 61, of Tunbridge Wells; Keith Deubert, 56, of Chatham; Michael Lawry, 49, of Paversham; and Arndt Van de Schaaf, 37, of Breckhergen, Holland.

Crash section closed today
Last night, rescuers worked on under emergency lighting to recover the bodies of victims and to clear wreckage.

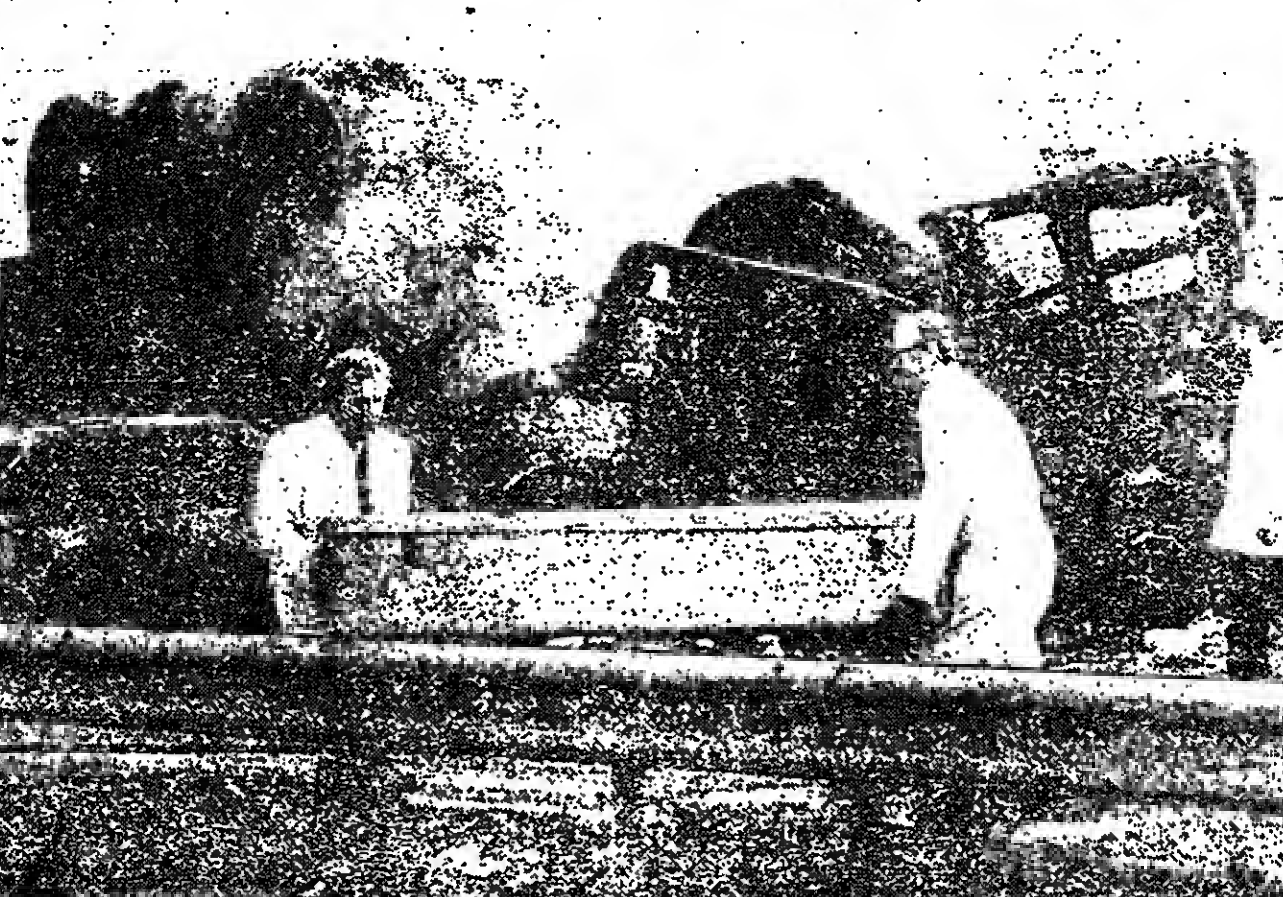
At one time more than 70 police, 10 firemen and dozens of ambulance crews were involved.

The three-mile stretch of the crash scene between junctions five and six is expected to remain closed until tonight.

During the day rescuers continued on Back P, Col 3



The charred and mangled remains of vehicles after the M25 pile-up and (below) the body of a victim is carried past a wrecked newsprint lorry.



PICTURE: SROJA DJUKANOVIC

RED SIGNAL DEATH CRASH

By JOHN PETTY
Transport Correspondent

A LONDON Underground driver passed a red signal before being killed when his train ran into the back of another train at Kilburn yesterday, according to initial official inquiries.

The driver, Timothy Smewin, 28, a married man from Milton Keynes, Bucks, died on his first day of duty as a qualified signaller.

His train hit another one which had stopped at a red light on a surface section of the northbound Metropolitan Line between Kilburn and Willesden Green stations. Four passengers and the driver and guard of the train which had stopped were injured but were not detained in hospital.

Mr John Cope, London Regional Transport's operations director, said: "Our understanding is that the second train passed a signal which was at red and ran into the back of the train in front."

"It was an automatic signal, so the driver should have waited for at least one minute before proceeding with caution. However, it is not yet clear whether this was the cause of the accident and a full inquiry is now being carried out."

7-week course
An underground spokesman said Mr Smewin, who was based at Neasden, was a guard for four years and during training he was taught to "drive" trains in emergencies and under supervision.

"After that he had the seven-week driver training course which is both practical and theoretical, culminating in an examination."

The collision happened in fog with visibility of about 100 yards.

Yesterday's collision adds to a disturbing number of about a dozen serious train crashes mostly on British Rail which are under investigation. It has been established in several cases that drivers passed red lights.

110 BACK AT PITS
The Coal Board said 110 striking miners returned to work yesterday. So far this week 228 have gone back.

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Debenhams rethink on Sunday trade

By BRIAN SILK

DEBENHAMS, the store group, will reconsider its decision to defy the law against Sunday trading after a reprimand from the Prime Minister yesterday.

The company said that it would be influenced by Mrs Thatcher, who agreed with a Commons questioner that Sunday traders should be roundly condemned for operating illegally, and added: "The law must be obeyed until it is changed by Parliament."

The shop workers' union, USDAW, immediately called on Debenhams to heed Mrs Thatcher's words and abandon its plans to open all 64 of its stores in England and Wales this Sunday.

Mr Peter Hindley, the company's director of store operations, said: "We will obviously consider what she has to say and consider our position."

Legal threat
Mr Hindley said the company would also be influenced by the threat of legal action by local authorities.

The union has asked councils to seek High Court orders prohibiting Sunday opening. Some councils have already said they intended to seek injunctions.

With the double rate paid on a Sunday, a sales assistant could expect to earn about £50 for the day.

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THOUSANDS IN TELECOM PROFIT RUSH

By Our Business Correspondent

Thousands of small shareholders joined in the rush yesterday to take a 30 per cent profit on British Telecom shares after getting formal allocation letters in the morning post.

Those selling the minimum 200-share allocation ended up with a 533 profit before commission payment. For 450 shares the pre-commission profit was £186; at 600, £279; and for 800 shares, £372.

The Telecom issue was blamed yesterday for a 2½ per cent jump in the money supply last month, which pushed monetary growth well above its prescribed target range.

City Reports — P19

£200,000 FINE TO BE SEIZED

By TERENCE SHAW
Legal Correspondent

A SENIOR High Court official has been brought in to collect the unpaid £200,000 contempt of court fine imposed on the Transport and General Workers' Union for failing to comply with court orders during the recent Austin Rover strike.

Mr Justice Hodson, who imposed the fine last month, yesterday ordered that it should be collected by the Queen's Remembrancer, Mr John Bickford-Smith, 69, the senior master of the Queen's Bench Division.

The order means that the union could escape having its £54 million assets partially or totally frozen by court appointed sequestrators.

When a contempt fine is unpaid, the court has power under Section 16 of the 1981 Contempt of Court Act to notify the Queen's Remembrancer who can take steps to enforce it as if it were an unpaid judgment debt.

BELGIAN BOMBS DISRUPT NATO OIL SUPPLIES

By Our Staff Correspondent
in Brussels

A Belgian terrorist group "Militant Communist Cell" yesterday claimed responsibility for six bombs attacks on Nato oil pipelines in Belgium that caused serious damage, but no casualties.

The first explosion at Litre, 20 miles south of Brussels, seriously damaged a pipeline carrying fuel from Le Havre to Aachen. It was followed by five other blasts, two of which caused serious fires.

The attacks succeeding in halting briefly the flow of oil from Le Havre and Antwerp to Nato forces in Germany, and to the Supreme Allied Command in Europe at Casteau in Belgium.

Today's Weather

GENERAL SITUATION: Anti-cyclone over Low Countries will move slowly E. as cold front approaches W. areas.

London, Midlands, S.E. Cb. S.W. Enslaved E. Atlantic: Fog, dense and freezing in places, clearing slowly, little heavy sun. Wind S.E. light. Max. 45° F.

Great Britain, S.W., N.W. ENGLAND: Clouds, drizzle at first, sunnier periods later. Wind S.E. moderate. 40° F.

S. Scotland: Clouds, Wind S.E. moderate or fresh. 40° F.

N. Scotland: Clouds, Wind S.W. force 3. Wind S. or S.E. force 3. Sea smooth.

OUTLOOK: Dry at first in E. rain spreading from W.

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13 councils told to cut rates

By NICHOLAS COMFORT Political Staff

MR JENKIN, Environment Secretary, yesterday set the scene for confrontation with high-spending Labour councils by announcing that 13 of them must cut their rates next year or the Government will do it for them.

Five other councils will have a limit set on the amount by which they can raise rates.

Mr Jenkin told the Commons that by fixing rate levels for the 18 highest spenders — all but two of the Labour — under rate-capping legislation, he was able to offer extra cash to authorities which had observed spending limits he had set.

He announced that councils will receive £11764 million in rate support grant from central government slightly more than he proposed in July but rather less than the current year's figure.

Government funding will provide for 49.7 per cent of council spending in 1985-86 compared with 52 per cent in the current year and 61 per cent in 1979-80.

'Fair settlement'
Mr Jenkin said £11764 million was a "reasonable and fair settlement."

But Dr John Cunningham, his Labour shadow, said that it was 5 per cent short of what was needed to maintain existing services.

Mr Jenkin said that rate-capping enabled him to avoid imposing overall formulae which penalised thrifty councils — a practice which has sparked several Tory backbench revolts in the past.

He announced that, because forecasts of inflation for the year ahead had risen he would make an overall increase over this year's spending limits of 57 per cent.

The 13 councils which will have to cut rates are: G.I.C. Greenwich, Hackney, Haringey, Islington, Inner London Education Authority, Lambeth, Leicester, Lewisham, Plymouth, South Yorkshire, Shropshire, and South Yorkshire.

Leicester was estimated last night at 57 per cent.

The five allowed a lower rate increase, than they would have opted for without being "capped" are: Basildon, Brent, Camden, Merton, and Thamesdown.

SICK PAY RISE

By Our Health Services Correspondent

Sick pay is to rise by five per cent, next April, to 85 per cent of normal earnings, from 80 per cent.

Mr Paul Baker, Social Services Secretary, announced yesterday that earnings of £50 a week will get £51.25 and those earning £55-59 to £56.75.

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CARROT AND STICK FOR COUNCILS

By JOHN CRIGSBY Local Government Correspondent

MR JENKIN, the Environment Secretary, last night announced a stick and carrot strategy for controlling local government spending when he announced details of the rate support grant, the money the Government gives local councils towards their costs.

Limits for some of the 18 councils where the rates will be subject to Government approval will now be far stricter than they had expected. This is partly because the Government has taken their balances into account in an attempt to set realistic targets.

But councils which comply with the Government's targets will be able to spend up to 4½ per cent above this year's budgets next year, 1985-86. This is in line with latest inflation estimates.

This is likely to benefit the shire counties in particular and to enable them to avoid cuts in services or in spending to real terms after allowing for inflation.

Some low-spending authorities which meet both the Government's spending targets and its grant-related expenditure assessment, the money Whitehall estimates councils should level to provide a standard level of service, will do better.

These will be allowed to increase their spending by up to 4.625 per cent without incurring penalties. Berkshire is one of the counties which should benefit. The Minister has adjusted the block grant distribution to impose greater penalties on councils which overspend slightly.

This is also intended to help low-spending councils because it redistributes grant to councils spending below their assessments.

Below average
Mr Jenkin forecast that if councils budgeted to meet their targets, rate increases would be in low single figures and below this year's average of five to six per cent.

The Exchequer grant towards local council spending next year will be £11,764 million, slightly higher than Mr Jenkin originally proposed in July, but rather less than the current year's figure. The expenditure targets total £21,800 million.

The Government will contribute in grant next year 48.7 per cent towards agreed expenditure compared with 51.9 per cent this year.

Mr Jenkin argued that councils had failed to reduce their staffs by voluntarily agreeing to cuts. Some had inflated their manpower budgets. Local councils were not an employment agency nor a type of outdoor relief.

The 18 councils subject to rate-capping will receive notices this week setting out the limits of the rates they will be able to charge. They have until Jan. 18 to comment on any rate or precept limits proposed.

Mr Jenkin warned that if he had not heard from them by then, he would ask the Commons to confirm the rate limits by affirmative order.

He said: "The proposed rate and precept limits I am announcing today will be warmly welcomed by ratepayers in the areas concerned. For 15 of the 18 authorities I have set rate or precept limits which are lower than the rates or precepts being charged this year."

He argued that in the five remaining cases the rates would be lower than they would have been if rate-capping had not been in force.

Leicester City Council is expected to reduce its own rate next year by 56.61 per cent.

Mr Peter Soulsby, leader of the Labour-controlled council, said: "I am totally dumbfounded. My first impression was that there must have been some kind of typing mistake."

The Greater London Council is being told to cut £142 million.

from its budget, though this will mean a cut in its rate of only 0.08 per cent. The spending cut is more than double what the G.L.C. was expecting and is likely to make more difficult the task of moderates trying to persuade Mr Kenneth Livingstone and his colleagues that the targets are attainable and to comply with the law.

Mr John McDonnell, chairman of the Finance Committee, said: "The cuts he is asking the London councils to make are impossible."

Three councils, the G.L.C., ILEA and Greenwich, have been told to reduce their cash spending next year by 1.3 per cent. The others are being told to spend only the same in cash next year as they are budgeting to spend this.

The rate increases implied by the limits on the rateable poundages set by the Government vary widely, partly because the Government has taken into account the amount of council spending in each area. Merseyside, one of the councils which has used reserves to finance spending this year and which may not have enough to do so next year, can legally increase its rate next year by up to 27.48 per cent.

Other councils would be allowed to increase their rates (percentage figures in brackets) are: Basildon (17.59 per cent), Brent (1.55), Camden (0.09) and Thamesdown (5.59). The following councils are being told to cut their rates (percentage figures in brackets): G.L.C. (0.08), Greenwich (18.91), Hackney (4.37), Harrogate (5.05), Inner London Education Authority (7.26), Islington (9.59), Lambeth (18.39), Lewisham (23.61), Lewisham (24.41), Portsmouth (1.18), Sheffield (0.56), Southwark (24.74) and South Yorkshire (2.08).



Opticians lose monopoly on specs.

200 MOURN TAXI DRIVER

TAXI DRIVERS from throughout Britain joined mourners from the pit communities of Pontypridd yesterday at the funeral of Mr. David Wilkie, 35, the driver killed on Nov. 30 as he took a miner to work.

Nearly 200 mourners crowded into St. Mary's Church at Glynneath, Mid-Glamorgan, after six of Mr. Wilkie's colleagues from City Centre Cars of Cardiff had acted as pallbearers.

Mr. Wilkie, of Treforest, was killed when two pieces of concrete were thrown from a bridge on to the windscreen of his car as he drove Mr. David Williams, 35, to work at Merthyr Vale Colliery.

Mr. Williams, who escaped injury, was among the mourners, with another working miner, Mr. Tooy Dudley, who was to have been picked up by the car.

Increasing violence
Family mourners included Mr. Wilkie's mother, Mrs. Jean Wilkie, 60, of Cardiff Road, Treforest; his girlfriend Mrs. Janice Reed, 25, who is expecting his baby in January; and Mrs. Connie Phillips, 33, his former common law wife of 12 years, with whom he had two children.

The Bishop of Llandaff, the Rt. Rev. John Hughes, told the mourners: "We here express the death of David Wilkie most say today that he had not died in vain as one incident in an increasing train of violence."

Saving there should be a halt to the violence of the miners' strike "before it is too late," he suggested a three-point plan: a moratorium to allow an immediate return to work, the creation of an impartial board to investigate the wider issues of mining communities in a future coal industry and positive action through a spirit of reconciliation and forgiveness.

Mrs. Janice Reed laid a wreath at the graveyard with the message: "Two miners have been murdered by a Merthyr Tydfil magistrate, accused of murdering Mr. Wilkie."

'£5 IF YOU STAY' PAY OFFER
By Our Industrial Staff
Land Rover has offered its 9,000 workers a two-year pay deal worth £16 a week on average but £5 if they stay in the form of an attendance allowance paid only to those present for a full 39 hours.

The intention is to reduce absenteeism and walk-outs. Union leaders, who want a one-year rise worth £15 a week, will respond.

Thankfully for the Haywoods, the double glazing withstood the barrage. On another occasion a case of 400 gathered across the street, throwing stones at the house.

The words "scabby bastard" were daubed in paint on the windows, ball bearings have been hurled and Mr. Haywood's allotment has been ransacked. The couple face abuse every time they open their door.

"I was always proud to be a miner's daughter and a miner's wife, but now I want to know what has happened to Yorkshire pride and fair mindedness," said Mrs. Haywood.

'Scab lady'
"Grown meo spit as us and I am well known locally as the 'scab lady' but I know Norman is doing the right thing."

"I know this strike would never have happened had there been a democratic ballot and I believe if the miners follow their own logic instead of Scargill like sheep, most of them would be back at work today."

Things are not so bad for her now as they were in August and September. On one occasion 40 hooded men attacked the house with bricks.

92 pc disapprove of pit strike tactics

NINE in 10 of the general public disapprove of the methods being used by the miners in the furtherance of their dispute, and three in four say their impression of Mr. Scargill has gone down over his handling of the dispute.

These are some of the main findings from a Gallup Poll conducted exclusively for THE DAILY TELEGRAPH.

Following the death of a miner's taxi driver, David Wilkie, on Nov. 30, disapproval of the methods being used at present by the unions has increased from 86 per cent, in mid-November to 92 per cent now.

People were also asked whether their impressions of Mrs. Thatcher, Mr. Kinnoch, Mr. MacGregor, and Mr. Scargill had gone up or down over their handling of the miners' dispute. All four are losing, but by no means equally.

The table below shows a net disapproval score, where the minus figures signify the degree to which those saying "gone down" outnumbered those saying "gone up".

	Today	Nov. 23	Sept. 23
Mrs. Thatcher	-18	-19	-20
Mr. Kinnoch	-31	-17	-24
Mr. MacGregor	-39	-40	-29
Mr. Scargill	-74	-69	-61

More back NCB
Even among Labour supporters, 22 per cent said their impression of Mr. Kinnoch had gone down, while 19 per cent said it had gone up.

As might be expected, the striking miners to fight the blaze, which is a serious threat to the colliery and its 1,500 jobs.

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Geologist dies
Mr. Michael Robinson, 38, an NCB geologist helping to fight the underground fire at Rosington colliery, collapsed and died yesterday.

Conservation aim
Emphasising the conservation aspect of the changes, planting hedges and building walls using traditional materials will now attract a 50 per cent grant in the lowlands instead of 20 per cent, and in the hills, the increased grant rate has been introduced last year for hedges, traditional walls and shelter belts will remain.

Farm roads in the high hills, often strongly criticised as scars on the landscape by conservationists, now attract only a 20 per cent grant, while the marginal land areas the grant rate has been cut from 20 to 15 per cent.

Operations such as removing tree stumps and other obstacles to cultivation, land levelling or grading and deep ploughing, are no longer eligible for grants.

NUM offers deal to help fight pit fire
By JAMES O'BRIEN

NUM officials for the Yorkshire area, told the Coal Board yesterday that it would drop a demand for the reinstatement of miners dismissed at Rosington Colliery, South Yorks, if the board would withdraw 27 working miners at the pit.

The NUM branch at Rosington, near Doncaster, would then be prepared to go underground and fight a fire along a 20-yard stretch of roadway.

The request for the branch to drop the reinstatement of the sacked miners was, according to an NUM official, rejected by the Doncaster area of the NCB.

The withdrawal of working miners from the pit is one of several conditions laid down by the branch before it will allow striking miners to fight the blaze, which is a serious threat to the colliery and its 1,500 jobs.

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£40m CUTS IN AID TO FARMERS

By Our Agricultural Correspondent

BIG CUTS in grants to farmers for field drainage work were announced yesterday by Mr. Jopling, Agricultural Minister, as part of his promised £40 million saving on farm capital grants.

Apart from reducing the annual grants bill of £200 million, the changes are said to reflect the Government's aim of achieving a closer integration of conservation and agricultural policies.

Grants for field drainage cost taxpayers £60 million a year. But from yesterday, the rates of grant were cut from 70 per cent to 50 per cent on bill land and from 50 per cent to 32½ per cent in the lowlands.

These grants are paid under the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Scheme, which is 25 per cent financed from the EEC's Common Farm Fund.

Immediate effect
Under the fully nationally-financed Agriculture and Horticulture Grant Scheme, where the other grant cuts all fall, grants for field drainage have been halved to 15 per cent in the lowlands, and 30 per cent in the hills.

The overall £40 million cut in farm capital grants had been announced a month ago after the Chancellor's mini-Budget. Mr. Jopling announced in a Commons written reply yesterday which farm grants have been pruned. The changes all take effect immediately.

In the lowlands, the standard Agriculture and Horticulture Grants Scheme grant is now 15 per cent, when previously it ranged from 20 to 50 per cent, according to the farm project in the hills, the standard grant rate is now 30 per cent. It previously ranged from 20 to 60 per cent.

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Don'ts raised
These matters, together with the institution's response to the events surrounding the attendance at the polytechnic of a student, Patrick Harrington, raised doubts about the way in which the polytechnic is conducting its affairs," she said.

She declined to respond in detail to allegations made by Dr. MacDowall that she had wanted him to discipline expert Harrington, thereby making himself liable to contempt of court following a High Court judgment that Harrington be given full access to the course for which he is legitimately registered.

"I wish to state categorically, however, that I have never proposed that Dr. MacDowall should take action which would be in breach of the law in relation to the affairs of the polytechnic. I have always acted on the advice of the education officer and legal officers of the authority," Mrs. Morrell said.

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They were headed by Mr. Brian Roberts, who was editor of the SUNNY TELEGRAPH and chairman of the board of governors. He had been a member of the Northern Polytechnic's governors from 1946 until 1971 and chairman of the newly-formed body from 1971-71.

Mr. Roy Price, divisional education officer for the ILEA, yesterday complained about a report in last Monday's DAILY TELEGRAPH that claimed Mrs. Morrell had "failed to observe ILEA's own criteria for schools" by sending her daughter to the "middle class" Haverstock School in Hampstead instead of her local Islington Green School.

The allegation, according to Mr. Price, was "completely untrue." Mrs. Morrell "like any other London parent, was free to express a preference for whatever school she pleased. She infringed no criteria and got no preferential treatment."

Her reasons for choosing one school rather than another are her affair and nobody else's," he said.

Under the 1981 Education Act, parents have wider choice of schools and may cross catchment boundaries if places exist. Inner London parents may choose any ILEA school,

MacDowall seeks Poly inquiry by Government

By JOHN IZBICKI Education Correspondent

DR DAVID MACDOWALL, former Director of the Polytechnic of North London, wants an inquiry into the affairs of his college set-up by Sir Keith Joseph, Education Secretary.

The Inner London Education Authority is to organise an "independent inquiry" into the way the college is run.

Last night Dr. MacDowall accused ILEA's leader, Mrs. Frances Morrell, of playing "vicious politics."

Dr. Harry Law, chairman of the Centre of Directors of Polytechnics and President of Portsmouth Polytechnic, said that a committee of directors would be set up to investigate the college's affairs for Higher Education, on Jan. 11.

"Since we consider this matter of the greatest importance, we shall ask to see Sir Keith Joseph. We are most concerned at the pressures under which Dr. MacDowall has been operating over the past year," said Dr. Law.

The question was raised whether the ILEA or its leaders had the powers to set up an inquiry or order the polytechnic about.

When Mr. Croxall, Labour's Education Secretary in 1965-67, produced a White Paper on the governance of polytechnics, their running was placed into the hands of "suitably appointed governing bodies with a large measure of autonomy."

The Polytechnic of North London's own articles of association make it clear that it is a "company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital" under the Companies Acts 1948-1967.

Five governors
It also states: "The Polytechnic shall be governed in accordance with these Articles by the Court of Governors."

The court comprises: five governors appointed by the ILEA, two also appointed by the authority or its education committee... but the majority and there may be as many as 50) to be appointed from other sources.

Mrs. Morrell told a full meeting of the education committee yesterday that the inquiry had been set up in consultation with Mr. John Diamond, chairman of the polytechnic's governing body.

She criticised the "manner and effectiveness" of polytechnic responses to recent reports from Government inspectors, the quality of its submissions through the authority to the National Advisory Body, inadequacies of internal consultations between the directorate and governors, staff and students; and the "failure" until prompted to do so, to establish a code of disciplinary procedures for students.

It was a clear reference to recent events involving Patrick Harrington, which have caused a storm of criticism and a call for his expulsion, if anyone is jailed as a result of these writs, the court itself will be in contempt of justice," he added.

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DONATION TO MINERS BLOCKED

By Our Education Correspondent

SIR MICHAEL HAVERS, Q.C. Attorney-General, stepped into the affairs of the Polytechnic of North London yesterday and obtained a High Court order to block moves by the students' union to donate money to the striking miners.

The order, granted by Mr. Justice Scott, came into immediate effect and will run until Friday when three union officers will be given a chance to challenge it.

Meanwhile Patrick Harrington, the National Front organiser and Polytechnic student, obtained 19 writs for contempt of court naming poly students, four of them union executives, members: Peter Ross, the president, Peter Redman, vice-president, Andy Hoy, the union's publicity officer, and Alison Hunter, editor of FUSE, the union's journal.

Chance to challenge
Mr. Ross and Mr. Redman are two of the officers who will be given an opportunity of challenging the order to block any funds—£5,000 was voted—going to the miners.

The order restrains the three union officers from making or causing to be made any payments out of polytechnic funds "whether out of capital or income" to assist "dependants of employees of the National Coal Board, not being students of the Polytechnic" for any purpose other than advancing the education or fostering the studies of polytechnic students.

It was the judge who first gave the insertion of the phrase "not being students of the Polytechnic." He pointed out that the original wording by Sir Michael Millett, present bona fide students from mining families being given assistance.

"Last night, Mr. Redman said the union's solicitors had been instructed not to receive any or all of the writs issued to Mr. Harrington. They will have to be served individually," he said.

"In the light of Harrington's statement on television (to the effect that black people did not warrant civil liberties) and in view of Frances Morrell's call for his expulsion, if anyone is jailed as a result of these writs, the court itself will be in contempt of justice," he added.

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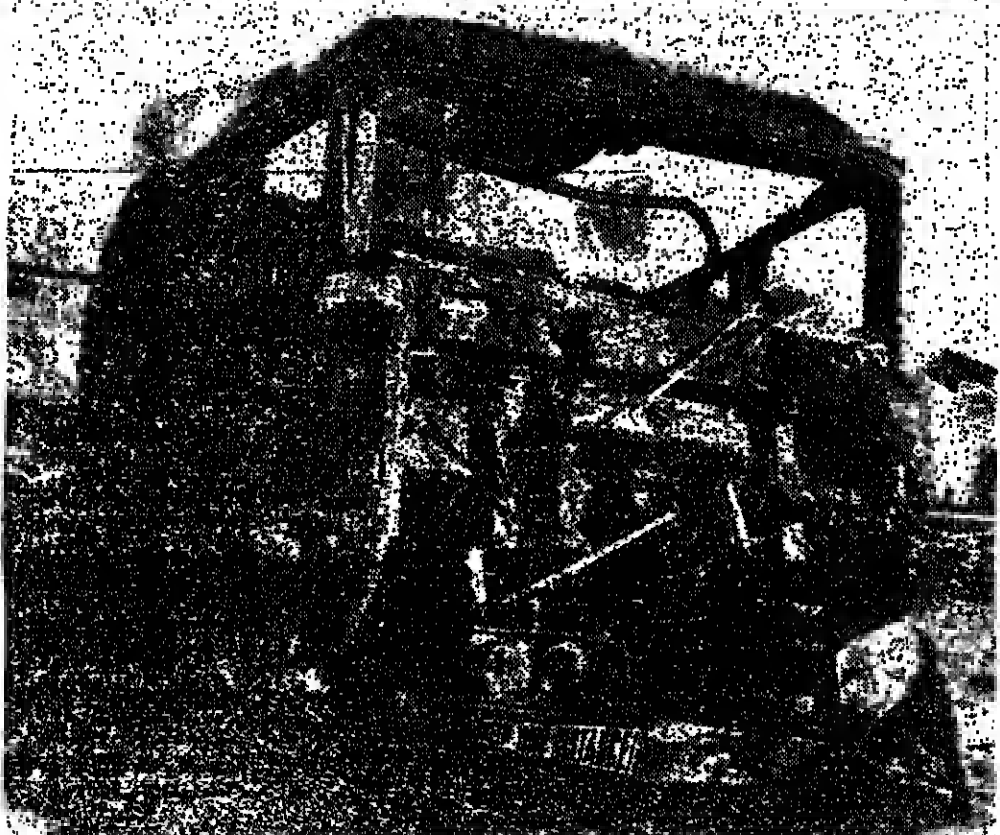
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Motorway madness leaves trail of carnage



THE M25 near Westerham, Kent, taking on the grim aspect of a breaker's yard after yesterday's early morning pile-up in thick fog which left the burning remains of a score of vehicles scattered over 40 yards of motorway.

Pictures: SRDJA DJUKANOVIC



• "Keep your distance."—but the warning slogan did not save this lorry with its heavy load of newsprint from destruction.

'EMPHASIS ON SPEED' ATTACKED

Hurting into gloom despite the warnings

By COLIN RANDALL

By JOHN LANGLEY, Motoring Correspondent

CAR advertisements with too much emphasis on speed and acceleration were condemned yesterday in a report by the Advertising Standards Authority.

It had never had so many justified complaints on the subject before. Some advertisements compared cars with bullets and guns.

Other examples quoted included: "It's easy to forget speed limits to breaking the law at 100 mph feels like cruising at 50 mph." "Wickedly quick... capable of taking you from naught to criminal status faster than you can say officer."

Not the language, that is self-evidently inappropriate when 70,000 are killed or severely injured in road accidents each year," the authority comments. "A motor car was potentially a lethal instrument. The factor drivers get the greater their responsibility."

A NIGHTMARISH journey on the fog-bound M4 from Bristol to London provided chilling first-hand experience yesterday of what a police inspector later called "sheer incomprehensible madness."

A score of pile-ups involving at least 55 vehicles in the Reading area had emergency services at full stretch.

Any observant driver using the motorway in the appalling conditions would agree that the real wonder was that there were not even more accidents.

Terrible carnage

No one with half an ear on a car radio could have been unaware of the terrible carnage on the M25 at its Kent-Surrey border. Equally, they must have heard wailing flashes warning of the closure of a stretch of the M4 between Reading and Maidenhead.

None of this, nor the evidence before their own eyes, stopped drivers hurtling on into the gloom at speeds of up to 80 mph.

Still less did it persuade a frightening minority of motorists to switch on dipped headlights.

Habit. Some thought sidelights enough, others evidently felt the conditions did not merit even these.

As I gingerly approached Junction 11 in Berkshire, where numerous bulletins had given warning of police "shepherding" traffic off the motorway because of a multiple smash, several drivers simply ignored the 50 mph limit, reducing to 30.

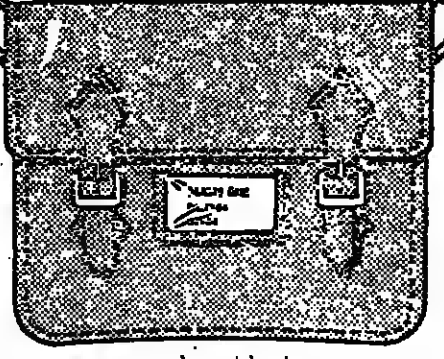
Suddenly, three lanes of near-stationary traffic loomed out of the blanket of fog. Travelling at 50 in p.m., I switched on my hazard lights and slowed down.

In the rear-view mirror a car appeared and it was clear the driver had little prospect of stopping in time. He swerved towards the slightly less congested right-hand lane, as I moved sharply on to the hard shoulder, but he still thudded into the back of a car.

Mercifully, it was a minor accident with no injuries. Others were not so lucky.

One police patrolman described a call made from an emergency motorway telephone by an irate motorist demanding to know why he had seen no speed warning signals. "How do you expect me to drive at 100 mph in these conditions," the driver asked.

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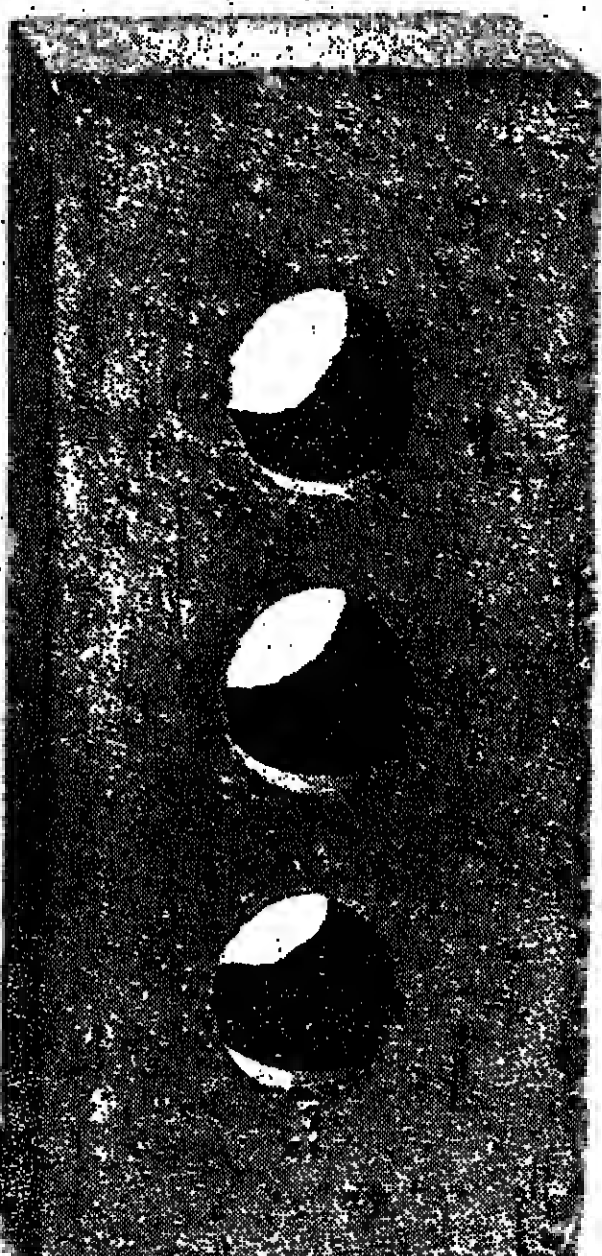
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• The wreckage of a car which finished up jammed between the crash barrier and a lorry.

SKYJACK HOSTAGES ACCUSE IRAN AS SHULTZ SEEKS ACTION

By JOHN BULLOCH Diplomatic Staff

AMERICA'S Secretary of State yesterday spoke about "active defence" against terrorism as passengers released from the plane skyjacked to Teheran accused Iran of collusion during their six-day ordeal.

Mr. Shultz was speaking to reporters aboard a plane bringing him to London for talks with Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary.

He called for a United States debate about using American power to "strike in advance against terrorists."

Such strikes might be necessary even if intelligence had not determined every possible fact about the complicity of a group in assaulting American interests.

And, echoing comments made earlier by the former Deputy Under Secretary, Mr. Lawrence Eagleburger, Mr. Shultz acknowledged that the operations he had in mind threatened injuring innocent people.

'Supplied with guns'

As he was speaking two Pakistani passengers alleged in Karachi that the Iranian authorities were directly involved in the brutal events which left two Americans dead, two Kuwaitis wounded and two other Americans tortured.

Mr. Abdul Hafiz, 50, a catering officer with Kuwait Airways, and Mr. Zahir Ahmad, 55, a businessman, said the four sky-jackers were supplied with weapons, handcuffs and rope after they forced the Kuwaiti Airlines Airbus, with 177 people aboard, to land at Teheran.

"They had nothing when they boarded the aircraft at Dubai," said Mr. Hafiz. "They had everything two days later after arrival at Mehrabad Airport in Iran."

When the four seized the plane after leaving Dubai for Karachi they were armed only with small silver-coloured pis-

seen what a noise would have been made in the world about how well it had been handled."

Up to late last night the Americans still seemed unsure exactly who was responsible for the skyjack. They suggested it was the Lebanese-based "Party of God," the activist section of the group known as "Islamic Holy War."

The main difficulty appears to have been to explain to the American public the forces involved, as they cut across a number of group lines.

The 17 bombers imprisoned in Kuwait, whose release was demanded by the skyjacks, are members of "The Call," or al-Dawa, Iraqi-based Shia dissidents who support Iran in the Gulf War.

The Iran-controlled "Islamic Holy War" organisation "Jihad Islamiya," made threats against Kuwait to secure their release. But, unable to act themselves, that organisation called in the mercenary group commanded by Abu Nidal to carry out the skyjack.

It was four Lebanese and Palestinian members of the Damascus-based Abu Nidal terrorist organisation who took over the Kuwaiti plane. Their reward would be money, arms and logistic support for other actions.

JUDGE QUILTS IN PREMIER'S TRIAL

By Our Toronto Correspondent

The trial of Mr. Richard Hatfield, 53, Premier of New Brunswick, on a charge of possessing marijuana while boarding the Queen's plane in September was adjourned yesterday until Jan 28 in Fredericton after the judge withdrew from the case.

Defence lawyers had objected to Judge James Harper's comment last week that it was "quite fair" that a harsher line should be taken "with the fellow who has all the breaks and elects on his own volition to go out and commit a crime."

MINE TOLL RISES

A further 25 more bodies had been recovered after the Ta-wao coal mine explosion last Wednesday raising the death toll to 76. It was reported in Taipei yesterday. Another 17 miners are still missing.—A.P.



Mr Charles Kaper (left) and Mr John Costa, the two American hostages who were beaten up by the skyjacks in the Kuwaiti airliner, leaving Teheran yesterday on their way home.

PENTAGON TOLD OF 'NUCLEAR WINTER' THREAT

A scientific report to the Pentagon released yesterday concludes that a major nuclear war could blot out sunlight with tons of smoke and dust causing a months-long black "nuclear winter."

The cautiously worded National Academy of Sciences committee report said average temperatures over Europe, North America and the Soviet Union could plunge by as much as 45 degrees for six to 20 weeks, and that the effects of the nuclear winter on the survivors of a nuclear exchange would be severe.

The report was less baroque than predictions by other scientists who have concluded that even a minor nuclear exchange could cause the winter effect.

Howe's secret meeting is Geneva pointer

By DAVID ADAMSON Diplomatic Correspondent

THE secrecy surrounding yesterday's lengthy talks between Mr Shultz, American Secretary of State, and Sir Geoffrey Howe was a strong pointer to next month's Geneva meeting between Mr Shultz and Mr Gromyko being the main topic.

The meeting was held at the Foreign Secretary's official country home, Chevening, in Kent.

As Mr Shultz confirmed during a Press conference while flying to London from Washington, the American position at the agenda-setting session on Jan. 7-8 remains undecided. Tactics, rather than an inter-

departmental dispute between the Pentagon and State Department are probably the reason. Another factor may be that the Americans want to hear what Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet No. 2, has to say on the resumed arms control negotiations to his talks early next week with Mrs Thatcher and Sir Geoffrey.

Make or break

The issue which could make or break the Geneva meeting at the outset is the American Strategic Defence Initiative, better known as Star Wars, which President Reagan and the Pentagon certainly back. Tests of an advanced American anti-satellite weapon are due to begin on March 1.

But the Russians are going to Geneva with the main aim of stifling the whole Star Wars concept before nuclear-weapons development is lifted into a new dimension where they are behind and which would be astronomically costly for them to follow.

If the Geneva talks do break down over Star Wars, there would be intense recriminations from the West Europeans, who want to see movement towards ending the escalation in Europe's missile race as cruise, and the Soviet SS 20.

Two things emerged yesterday from British officials and from Mr Joe Clark, the Canadian Foreign Minister, who is also in London.

Publicly at least, the Nato allies have decided that Star Wars and the agenda for the Geneva talks is "a matter for superpower negotiation."

Wroog signals

They have also agreed 'oo the importance of not sending the wrong signals to the Kremlin, whether via Mr Gorbachev or some other means.

They will avoid encouraging the Russians to think that they will get any concessions before it is agreed that talks on the whole broad front of nuclear arms control will go ahead following the agenda-setting session in Geneva.

That means, for instance, that stopping the deployment of Cruise and Pershing II will not be acceptable as a condition for talks, although it will be up for negotiation once they start.

It may mean, too, that the Americans will not be in a rush to announce that they are holding back from testing anti-satellite weapons or putting Star Wars into cold storage.

There, and the other allies, are well aware that the Russians have agreed to come to Geneva after failing to sign cruise deployment and despite American warnings on the placing of Star Wars on the agenda.

Other issues were probably discussed including counter-terrorism. But, unusually, officials refused to list the topics in advance and said there would be no summary when they finished.

LISBON LEADERS END BICKERING

By Our Lisbon Correspondent

After weeks of bickering, Portugal's 18-month-old coalition government patched up its differences yesterday, averting an imminent collapse of the coalition. The truth should keep the government on its feet at least until the Summer.

The coalition must now tackle crucial public sector reforms to reduce the financial drain on the Treasury and also introduce measures to modernise the economy before Portugal's scheduled EEC entry in 1986.

PREMIER'S ACCIDENT

Iceland's Prime Minister, Mr Hermannsson, 54, an amateur carpenter, lost two fingers in an accident with an electric saw but Reykjavik surgeons have managed to re-attach all but the tip of one of them.—Reuters.

Ethiopia rebukes West for slow aid assistance

By R. BARRY O'BRIEN in Addis Ababa

WESTERN governments sending food to Ethiopia were rebuked by its Marxist government yesterday for not responding sooner and not offering long-term development assistance.

The criticisms were made at a conference of donors called by the government in Addis Ababa.

The meeting was attended by representatives of 19 governments, the EEC and more than 30 voluntary relief agencies.

Envoys annoyed

A leading member of the Ethiopian Politburo, Mr Berhannu Bayih, blamed the present famine and Ethiopian inability to feed itself on lack of development aid.

Then the nation's famine relief co-ordinator, Major Dawit Wolde-Giorgis, upbraided the international donors for not sending Ethiopian warnings early this year that a massive inflow of grain was needed to avoid a famine.

The criticisms irked some Western ambassadors present in the hall of the Addis Ababa Hilton.

One Western diplomat said: "The effort to portray this as something the Ethiopian Relief and Rehabilitation Commission knew about all along and the donors were warned about is a bunch of bull."

"At no time before the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the Ethiopian revolution on Sept. 12 did the Ethiopian media make anything of the drought. All the publicity was about the formation of the Ethiopian Workers' party."

The conference was called to present Ethiopia's request for some 1.5 million tons of emergency food aid for 7.7 million famine victims in 1985 and to seek international aid for agricultural rehabilitation and the resettlement of 300,000 families.

from drought areas in the next 12 months.

Western governments have shown reluctance to give development aid and are supplying emergency famine aid mainly through voluntary agencies.

Britain, America, Canada, Australia, Japan, France, West Germany, Sweden, Switzerland, Spain, The Netherlands, Italy, India, Greece, Finland, Belgium, Austria, Argentina and Algeria were present yesterday. Missing were Russia and other Eastern Bloc nations.

Lasting solution

Mr Berhannu called for understanding by the international community of Ethiopia's determination to find a lasting solution to the problems of drought and food self-sufficiency.

Resettlement was the only way to ensure a continued survival of people from drought areas.

Major Dawit said promises of the early 1970s to give the poorest nations the means to eradicate famine within a decade had turned to ashes in Ethiopia.

He added that the donor community had now responded generously at a late stage after Ethiopia had attracted its attention through the work of film crews and journalists.

Earlier yesterday, Mr Dawit A. Korn, United States chargé d'affaires in Addis Ababa, signed an agreement for the shipment of around 40,000 tons of grain to Ethiopia. The shipment is part of the 215,000 tons promised by America in October.

Mr Korn described the agreement as "a milestone in our co-operation. He added: "I certainly hope that we can continue to develop this co-operation."

Moscow puts gloss on Stalin's victory image

By NIGEL WADE in Moscow

THE approach of next year's 40th anniversary of the Allied victory over Nazi Germany has brought forth in Russia an apparent readiness to spotlight the positive side of Stalin as a wartime leader.

His contributions as a Bolshevik revolutionary in 1917 are also increasingly acknowledged, while the dark truths of his purges, his decimation of the Russian officer corps and his fumbling in the days immediately after the German attack on Russia remain forbidden ground.

Muscovites are flocking this week to the first public screenings of a filmed biography of Marshal Zhukov, in which he is shown saving Stalin, shortly after Khrushchev denounced Stalin in 1956: "He was a great commander. I thought that before, and I think so now..."

Such pointers are not lost on a Russian audience but no one is concluding that Stalin is about to be fully rehabilitated.

His excesses remain unforgotten and unforgiven by many in the Communist party and specially by the intelligentsia.

Soviet officials speak instead of being "realistic" in dealing with history—although this approach does not extend even to publication of Khrushchev's 1956 secret speech rejecting Stalinism.

A whole generation has grown up in Russia knowing nothing of Stalin's purges except what may have been learned by word of mouth.

Georgia hero

Yet, while Stalin's name was hardly mentioned at all for many years, it is now occasionally seen in books or articles discussing aspects of his life which are no longer considered taboo.

Several recent treatments of the 1917 Revolution have paid tribute to Stalin's decisive role. The Sovetskaya Rossiya newspaper recently named Stalin among a group of revolutionary heroes whom it said were "sustained by Lenin's ideals."

Favourable references even go beyond Stalin's immediate revolutionary or military leadership to include a recent discussion of his wartime economic policies in the party theoretical journal Komsomol.

Most Western observers believe a pragmatic decision to recognise the positive aspects of Stalin's achievements was forced on the Kremlin leadership by the coming commemoration of the 1945 victory, in which it would have been embarrassing to go on ignoring him.

Stalin, who died in 1953, remains a nationalist symbol and hero in his native Georgia, and Georgians in Moscow and other parts of the Soviet Union often display his picture in their homes or working places.

PEKING STEPS OUT

By HUGH DAVIES in Peking
Public dance parties featuring jitterbugging, jiving, the waltz, foxtrot and tango, banned during the Maoist Cultural Revolution, have been officially approved in Peking as a way for young people to meet.

EEC HEADING FOR NEW CASH CRISIS

By ALAN OSBORN

Common Market Correspondent in Brussels

A NEW financial crisis in the Common Market now seems inevitable, given the near-certainty that the European Parliament will vote tomorrow to reject the 1985 Budget.

The Parliament's Budget Committee, by a striking margin of 35 to 2, voted yesterday to call for the rejection of the Budget on the grounds that it provided for only 10 months' spending in 1985.

Mr Jim O'Keefe, Irish Deputy Foreign Minister, representing the Budget Ministers, told Parliament there was not enough revenue available to permit greater spending.

The Budget Ministers have approved spending of just under £15 billion in 1985, compared to the £16.5 billion sought by the Parliament.

The Governments also want Britain's 1984 Budget rebate of £600 million (and a smaller one for Germany) to be engineered by reducing contributions. This method insists it should be effected by extra hand-outs from the Budget.

DAIRY CLASH LOOMS

Call to defer 'fines'

OUR AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT writes: Common Market Farm Ministers called in Brussels last night for payment of the first instalment of the "super levy" on excess milk production to be deferred until the end of March.

It put the policy-forming Council of Ministers on a collision course with the Brussels Executive Commission, which is taking an unusually tough stand on the move to bring costly dairy surpluses under control.

The Commission last month insisted the first instalment by countries whose dairy farmers had exceeded the quota limits should be paid by the end of this week.

The Commission meets today to consider this new appeal. For Britain, the sum is some £500,000, for excess production by Ulster dairies.

165 SHIPS FREED

By Our Toronto Correspondent

A jammed lift bridge, which trapped 165 ships in the St Lawrence Seaway for up to 20 days, is now open but ship owners are seeking millions of pounds in damages. The St Lawrence Seaway Authority is expanding its insurance policies.

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RELAPSE RIDDLE FOR BHOPAL GAS VICTIMS

By BALRAM TANDON in New Delhi

HUNDREDS of patients believed to have been successfully treated in the gas-stricken city of Bhopal have suffered relapses which doctors fear could be critical.

Many of the cases are displaying new symptoms, and hospital doctors say the percentage of relapses could be as high as 75 per cent. of patients treated, cured and released last week.

Many who already have lung oedema and now feared to have developed perforation of the membranes, which will put them on the critical list again.

Doctors at the Hamidia Hospital said last week that infection of the lungs could weaken membranes and make victims more susceptible to viral pneumonia. About 25,000 people have so far been treated.

The latest development is a given a new urgency to the search for an antidote for those poisoned by the methyl isocyanate gas which leaked from the Union Carbide plant last week, killing at least 2,250 people and affecting a further 200,000.

'Runaway reaction'

Specialists and drug scientists rushed to Bhopal have been joined by doctors from the Union Carbide, but they have so far failed to suggest a 100 per cent. successful antidote.

Union Carbide revealed on Monday that an internal safety report made two years ago on the Bhopal plant found so many lapses that inspectors predicted a "runaway reaction" similar to the leak on December 3. The report was distributed at a Press conference at the company's headquarters in Connecticut.

Most chemists and scientists have rejected the possibility of phosgene having mixed with the gas, but professors and research workers of Nagpur University strongly believe this did in fact happen.

Doctors in Bhopal are also puzzled by the disparity in the symptoms of patients who suffered only minor exposure. Reactions have been delayed and, apart from the usual eye and breathing complications, they have developed malfunctioning of the central nervous system, including motor mechanism.

Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity were among the first outside voluntary workers to reach Bhopal, 560 miles south of New Delhi. The nuns are working almost round the clock at the Hamidia Hospital treating patients, particularly children and orphans.

Mother Teresa, 75, the Nobel prizewinner, yesterday met victims, talked to doctors and visited an orphanage to see children whose parents are missing after the disaster.

The State Government of Madhya Pradesh and the local

administration of Bhopal have begun drawing up contingency plans to evacuate large parts of the city in an emergency. The evacuation is being contemplated seriously, according to official sources, in the event of Government and Union Carbide scientists failing to find a "zero risk" method of destroying 30 tons of methyl isocyanate still stored in a tank at the plant.

The tank has so far remained intact under constant treatment from nitrogen. A leak from an adjacent tank containing 40 tons led to last week's tragedy.

Scientists led by the Director-General of Scientific and Industrial Research, together with technicians from Union Carbide and the World Health Organisation, have still not found an absolutely safe method.

They noted that only possibly two tons of the 40 tons had leaked, causing the world's worst gas disaster.

Working with them is Mr Warren Woerner, one of the Union Carbide technical experts who helped design and set up the plant.

Doctors walk-out

The other alternatives being considered were either to resume production of insecticides until the methyl isocyanate was used up, or to ship it to the United States. Both options would take at least a fortnight.

Mr Arjan Singh, the Chief Minister, conscious of the possible reaction to the factory being reopened immediately, ruled out the question of conversion of the gas into the end-product.

Bhopal has a population of nearly a million. The gas disaster affected the thickly-populated Casbah areas with a population of nearly 250,000.

As officials worked on the contingency plans for an evacuation, to allow the gas to be defused and released into the atmosphere, the local administration began commandeering large numbers of buses, lorries and other vehicles.

Officials said at least three days' warning of the evacuation would be given.

The main Bhopal hospital treating victims was virtually paralysed by a walk-out by 700 junior doctors and interns yesterday.

The walk-out happened after a Bhopal city councillor allegedly assaulted a senior doctor at the Hamidia Hospital for discharging a gas-stricken patient.

Astiz arrest worries other officials

By CRISTINA BONASEGNA in Buenos Aires

THE arrest of the Argentine Navy captain Alfredo Astiz, concerning the disappearance of a Swedish girl, in 1977, threatens to become a key issue in the thorny relations between the nation's young democracy and armed forces.

Astiz was arrested on Saturday on the orders of a federal judge investigating the disappearance of Dagmar Hagelin, 17. She was last seen alive at the Navy School of Mechanics' detention centre.

The arrest of Astiz has caused concern among middle-ranking officers within the Navy and the Army, who claim he was merely following orders in the so-called "Dirty War" during which about 10,000 people disappeared.

President Alfonsin has made a distinction between those who issued orders, those who simply obeyed them, and those who committed "excesses" during the repression.

Federal Judge Miguel Del Castillo yesterday excused Astiz, 34, from appearing in an identification parade at the request of his lawyer. But the officer was recognised from photographs.

BUS PLUNGE KILLS 9

By Our Belgrade Correspondent

At least nine people were killed and 19 injured when a bus plunged off a road into a 600-foot ravine, 90 miles south of Belgrade, Yugoslav police said yesterday.

Hawke reshuffles Cabinet as Left applies pressure

By DENIS WARNER in Melbourne

MR. HAWKE, the Australian Prime Minister, caused a political surprise yesterday when he announced his new Cabinet. Of the 27 members, only nine remain unaffected by a major reshuffle.

But no new blood has been introduced as a result of factional deals within the Labour party.

Mr Gareth Evans, the controversial Attorney-General, has been demoted to the junior portfolio of Energy and Resources.

He is replaced by Mr Lionel Bowen, Deputy Prime Minister and formerly Minister of Trade, and an outspoken critic of the still-unpublished Bill of Rights drawn up under Mr Evans's direction and due for early submission to Parliament.

Weekend deal

Mr Gordon Scholes, a former engine-driver who was perhaps the most ineffective Defence Minister since World War Two, has been dropped from the inner Cabinet. He will be Minister for the Australian Capital Territory and other territories.

He is replaced by Mr Kim Beazley, who is 35 and, like the Prime Minister, a former Rhodes Scholar.

Mr John Dawkins, the former Minister for Finance, becomes Minister of Trade, and Mr Peter

Walsh, who formerly held the Resources and Energy portfolio, takes over Finance.

The inner Cabinet has been enlarged from 15 to 17, making room for Mr Brian Howe, a member of the Socialist Left whose old portfolio of Defence Support has been scrapped.

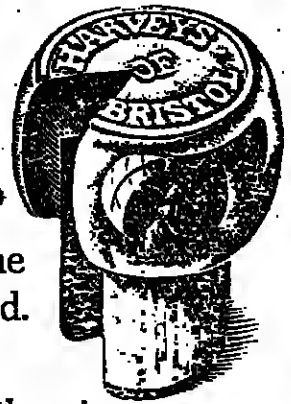
He will now be one of two Ministers responsible for Social Security. His elevation to Cabinet rank is a result of a deal arranged between Left and Right factions of the Labour party at the weekend, giving the Socialist Left two of the 17 Cabinet seats.

Although two seats in the House of Representatives are still in doubt, and the result of several Senate seats may not be known before Christmas, Mr Hawke is likely to have a majority of about 16 seats in the House of Representatives, far fewer than he expected but more than enough for comfort.

If the caucus meeting which preceded the announcement of the new Cabinet is any indication, Mr Hawke's principal cause for discomfort may come from within the party.

The Left was especially critical of the election performance and let it be known it would wait much greater emphasis on social reform and disarmament in the new Parliament.

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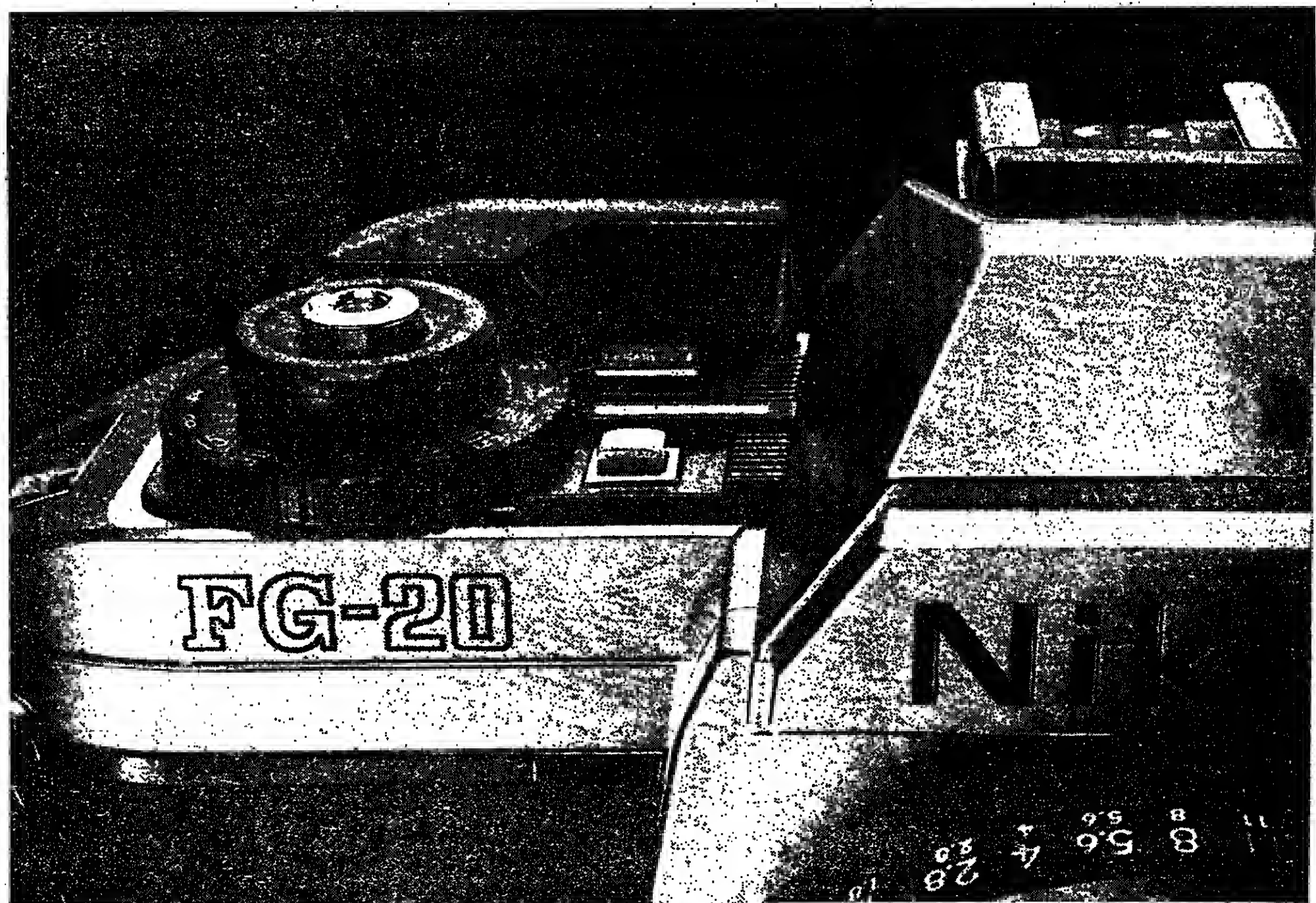
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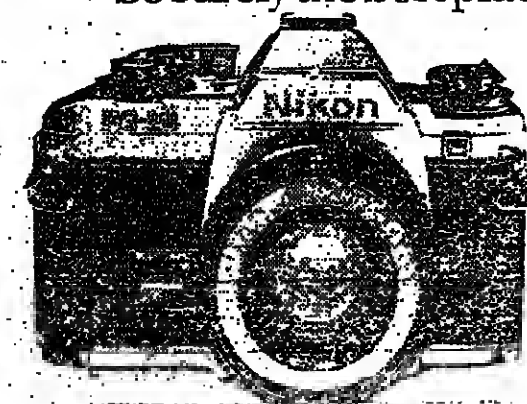
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Union Carbide fights to stem shares slide

By TONY ALLEN-MILLS in New York

THE future of Union Carbide, the world's seventh biggest chemical corporation, remained uncertain yesterday as the company embarked on a strategy of damage control to boost investor confidence and limit stock-market losses.

Almost \$1 billion (£851 million) has been wiped off the company's market value since the tragedy at Bhopal last week.

Yesterday Union Carbide sought to stem safety worries about its American operation by inviting reporters to tour its pesticide plant at Institute, West Virginia, almost identical to the Indian operation.

But shares continued to fall on the New York Stock Exchange and some analysts speculated that the company, which produces consumer items like batteries and Simona car-care products, may never regain the ground it is losing.

Yesterday's tour of the methyl-isocyanate plant at Institute came shortly after the company released a 1982 survey showing that the Bhopal plant had suffered from severe safety and equipment problems in the past.

While most of the problems cited in the survey were said to have been rectified before last week's tragedy, there were doubts over the status of a safety valve designed to prevent a "runaway reaction" of toxic methyl-isocyanate gas.

Potential leaks

Reports provided by Union Carbide's Indian subsidiary said that last June the Bhopal plant was still waiting for a replacement control valve to be delivered. There was no indication of whether it actually arrived.

Among failings that inspectors found at the Bhopal plant in May, 1982, were potential leakage of poison gas from storage tanks and the possibility of dust explosions in the production system.

Union Carbide was told by its Indian subsidiary that these problems were corrected. The company, clearly stung by criticisms that it has not been forthcoming in providing information about the Bhopal plant, has named reporters with full documentation of the safety studies.

Meanwhile on the financial front, analysts are continuing to debate what the disaster means for Union Carbide's financial health. Some believe the company's \$200 million (£166 million)

insurance cover should take care of most of the compensation pay-outs, but others say that if the cases are heard in American courts, as many lawyers are seeking, the awards could be much higher.

Analysts also point out that Union Carbide was in no great shape before the disaster. The company, hit hard by the recession, suffered serious setbacks in its petrochemical and steel sectors.

Even before the Bhopal leak its share price was, at \$48 (£40), almost \$22 (£18.30) below its value at the end of 1983.

One of its principal products is polyethylene, used in a wide range of materials from plastic bags to construction materials. But today the market is suffering from acute over-supply.

Some of Union Carbide's former most important customers, like Saudi Arabia, are now building their own petrochemical plants, further reducing demand for the company's products.

But Union Carbide seems to have successfully headed off early speculation that it might have to seek protection under American bankruptcy laws. American Warren Anderson, the company's chairman, repeated his claim at a Press conference on Monday that Union Carbide will be able to withstand whatever damage payments are necessary.

SUPREME COURT MOVE

U.S. lawyers seek in

On New Delhi Correspondent writes: The Supreme Court, India's highest tribunal of judicial appeal, yesterday issued notices to the Government of India in New Delhi, the administration of Madhya Pradesh State and Union Carbide, asking them to show why they should not be made to pay about \$1,000 compensation to every victim of the Bhopal gas disaster.

The notice was issued by a three-judge Bench of the Court who heard a petition by Mr M. A. Krishnamurthy, a Delhi advocate, the Chief Justice Chandrachud, the Chief Justice of India, presided.

At least two other suits have been filed in the civil courts of Bhopal by teams of American lawyers who have flown to the city to represent survivors.

MORE AID URGED FOR CRIME VICTIMS, BUT THEFT CLAIMS RULED OUT

By **TERENCE SHAW** Legal Correspondent

IMPROVED facilities for compensating victims of crime, particularly those whose claims fall outside the £400 minimum award of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, were proposed yesterday by a committee of MPs.

In a report on compensation and support for victims of crime, the Commons Home Affairs Committee recommends those who suffer physical injuries worth less than £400 should have the right to have their claims assessed by the small claims courts and then paid from central funds.

Where the victim suffers loss or damage to his property from theft or burglary, the MPs accept that there are many low incomes living in areas with a high incidence of crime where insurance is either prohibitive or unobtainable.

But in present economic circumstances they did not regard any scheme to compensate victims of property crime from a central fund as a "practical solution."

Instead, say the MPs, the Home Office should explore with gas and electricity boards the feasibility of entering into block insurance arrangements with their tenants and subscribers to enable modest insurance premiums to be collected with rent or quarterly accounts.

Crime victims
The committee, headed by Sir Edward Gidder, Conservative MP for Fylde, welcomes the Government's support for schemes to help victims of crime but says these services should be regarded as central rather than peripheral to the

Government's strategy against crime.

Its most urgent concern was that victim support schemes, set up in more than 200 areas to help victims of crime, were "not starved of funds by too rigid an adherence to the original principle of local rather than central financing."

The report recommends that the probation service, with suitable extra funding, should provide the necessary administrative and organisational facilities for local victim support schemes. The Home Office should consider providing funds to allow the scheme to employ full time "properly qualified coordinators."

Backlog of claims

Victims of crime should as a matter of course be given leaflets by the police describing as concisely as possible the available sources of compensation and a form for lodging a claim with the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board.

More staff should be taken on by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board to reduce the backlog of claims and the delays in dealing with them. While the committee accepted the need for a lower limit of

awards handled by the board, it believed the increase to the minimum award last year from £250 to £400 was excessive and that the £250 rather than the £400 limit should be used as the base rate for further cost of living increases.

The report points out that victims whose injuries are assessed at under £400 must rely on the discretion of the courts to award a compensation order. This was only possible if the offender was caught, convicted and solvent.

Sums awarded by the courts appeared lower than would have been approved by the board in similar circumstances and the committee wants to see guidelines laid down for the courts by the board to avoid different standards of compensation.

Courts should be given discretion to refer to the board for assessment cases of unusual complexity even where the sum involved was less than £400, the minimum award by the board.

For those with no prospect of any compensation because the injury is worth less than £400 and the assailant was either not caught or insolvent, the committee recommends a form of hardship fund.

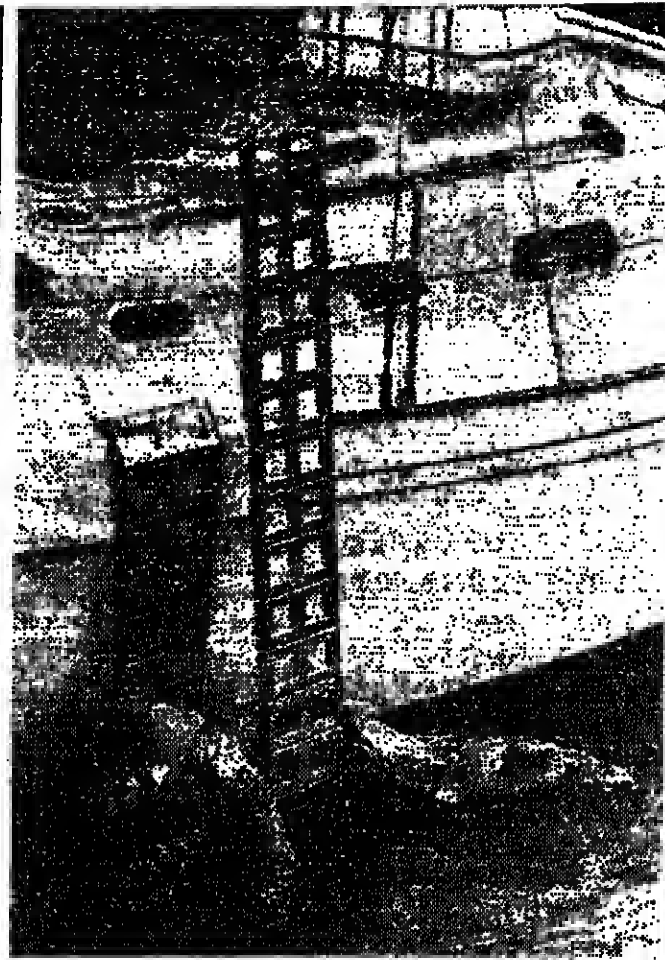
Victims should be granted the right to have their injuries assessed by registrars in the small claims court and the amount assessed should be paid from central funds.

Welcoming the report yesterday, the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders said the committee's proposals, if implemented, would do a great deal to counter the serious neglect of the needs of victims.

(House of Commons, First Report of Home Affairs Committee Session 1984-85, Compensation and Support for Victims of Crime, HC50, £9.15.)

THEATRE'S LOSS

The Theatre Royal at Norwich lost more than £15,000 during the last financial year, compared with a profit the previous year of almost £30,000.



Jason's ladder, a sea rescue device for yachtsmen, being demonstrated at St Katharine's Dock, London, yesterday. The ladder forms a cradle for the victim as the free end is winched from the masthead.

Shipbuilders cut loss

By **JOHN PETTY** Shipping Correspondent

A HALF-YEAR trading loss of £7 million was reported by British Shipbuilders yesterday — with the warning that the loss for the full year ending next March was likely to be £50 million.

Last year the half-time loss was £58 million and that for the full year was £161 million. The improvement largely reflects the sale to private enter-

prise of some lossmakers, particularly in ship repairing, and reduced "levels of activity."

The corporation is anxiously awaiting placing of contracts for frigates by both the Royal Navy and Pakistan. It is also on the verge of some merchant shipbuilding contracts.

British Shipbuilders added that "the forecast excludes any effect from the settlement of the completion accounts for Scott Lithgow which was sold to Trafalgar House earlier this year."

TWO FINED FOR RACE CHANTS

TWO Chelsea supporters were fined under the 1956 Public Order Act yesterday for singing anti-Semitic football songs on the terraces.

The arrests followed complaints by other Chelsea supporters about "certain songs which people considered to be of an offensive nature."

Mr Ken Bates, Chelsea chairman, published a warning in the club's programme under the heading "Yids, Wogs and Niggers" that fans would be liable to arrest for singing songs with racial overtones.

The statement declared that the club would support any action taken against offenders, and pointed out that a large proportion of Chelsea supporters were Jewish, as well as some club staff, directors and three vice-presidents.

Insulting words

In the court case, PC TERRY MARTER told Horseferry Road magistrates that the two were arrested during the West Bromwich game at Stamford Bridge when they were heard singing "Spurs are on their way to Auschwitz, Hitler's going to gas them."

Edward Hulton, 25, charged with insulting words, was fined £50, and Stephen Hawes, 18, packer, of Primrose Hill, Tottenham, Swindon, was fined £75.

They admitted using "insulting words, whereby a breach of the peace may have been occasioned" during the match on Nov. 17.

PC MARTER said: "There have been complaints by letter to Chelsea Football Club about certain songs which have been sung, which people considered to be of an offensive nature."

To his statement, published in the Chelsea's Liverpool programme, Mr Bates described Chelsea as a "Jewish club just like Tottenham and Arsenal" with many supporters of Asian or African descent.

Southgate by-election

Foot and Rodgers miss 'High Noon' showdown in fog

By **JAMES ALLAN**

THERE was almost an old boys' reunion in the Southgate by-election yesterday between Mr Foot, former Labour party leader, and his erstwhile colleague, Mr William Rodgers, one of the "gang of four" who left the Labour camp to found the Social Democrats.

But cars laden with Christmas shoppers in busy Green Lanes, Palmers Green, and a persistent fog kept them apart.

There was no lack of communication, however, between the Alliance and the Labour camps with both hurling invective through loud-hailers at each other.

The showdown came at midday but it had one of the drama of "High Noon." Bewildered shoppers watched the fog-fighting like bemused spectators at a tennis match.

On one side of the road Mr Rodgers, on foot (his own), called out as Mr Foot (on stick) disappeared up the road into the cold morning mist: "Goodbye to the old parties."

The Labour battle bus drove by telling potential voters: "Don't vote for the party that has got no voice in Parliament. Don't vote for traitors."

Cheery salutes

But Mr Rodgers was under-terred. Walking ahead of the Alliance's Liberal candidate, Mr Timothy Stack, 56, he greeted the people of Palmers Green with cheery salutes.

As the fog rises and the sun shines so we look forward to Thursday (polling day), he declared. "There's Mr Stack talking to someone. He could be discussing the future of mankind rather than the price of turkeys."

And to a well-dressed woman: "Good morning madam — a nice warm coat. I could do with it to keep me warm."

There was a political message for the wavering voter, threatening their way through the traffic of Green Lanes: "That's it, look left and right before making up your mind."

Mr Foot, meanwhile, wearing a green duffle coat and carrying a satchel, was walking up Green Lanes where he stopped outside the Jubilee Centre and peered intently into the window. There were vacancies for "Trainee Dental Nurse" and "Warehouse Person" but surprisingly none for "ex-party leaders."

Different predictions

Polling day is tomorrow with the three main contestants producing totally different predictions of the outcome, all based on their own canvass returns.

The Liberals put the Conservatives ahead with themselves catching up fast, while Mr Michael Portillo, 51, the Conservative candidate, is predicting a substantial win for his party in the by-election, caused by the death of Sir Anthony Berry in the Brighton bombing.

Sir Anthony, who had a 15,819 majority at the General Election, was the constituency's Conservative MP for 20 years.

His heir-apparent, Mr Portillo, has been at one with his Labour rival, Mr Peter Hamid, 52, in condemning the Liberals for putting out a four-page newspaper which they say looks like a local newspaper.

The contents make it clear it supports the Liberal candidate, but there is nothing to say it is published by the Liberal party. In fact, it says it is published by Bill McCormick, who is the Liberal agent.

But a spokesman for Enfield Borough Council said yesterday that under the Representation of the People's Act, election literature need only carry the name and address of the printer and publisher, which it does.

"If any of the other parties would like to take the matter up we would have to deal with it after the election," he added.

General Election results: Mr Portillo 15,819; Mr Hamid 15,819; Mr Stack 15,819.

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I. I. Burgess ... (Abolish Greater London, Restore Middlesex Shire)
R. E. Shenloo (English Nationalist)
H. M. Anson (Death Of Roads, Freight on Rail)
Polling: Tomorrow

McGLINCHEY TRIAL TOLD OF 'IRA RAID'

By **KENNETH CLARKE** in Belfast

DOMINIC MCGILINCHEY, the only man to be extradited to Northern Ireland from the Republic for an alleged terrorist offence, took part in a Provisional IRA attack seven years ago, in which a 65-year-old woman was shot dead, it was alleged in Belfast yesterday.

First a lorry and then a house in Co Antrim were raked with at least 31 bullets, including some from a high-velocity rifle, said the prosecution.

Mr RONALD APPLETON, Q.C. for the Crown, said: "This attack had all the hallmarks of being a terrorist attack, having regard to the number of weapons used and the planning involved."

He said the evidence would show that it was the work of an IRA active service unit of at least four men.

In police service

McGlinchey, 30, from Bellaghy, Co Londonderry, pleads not guilty to murdering Mrs Hester McMullan, of Toomebridge, Co Antrim, who was hit by a high-velocity bullet during the attack in March, 1977.

Mr Appleton said the judge, Mr Justice HURTON, would hear that one member of the McMullan family was a reserve police officer and another, a woman, worked for the police authority.

"The Crown say the events of that morning, the circumstances of the attack and the conduct of the assailants established beyond doubt the intention of those involved was to kill a member of the McMullan family."

The hearing was adjourned until today.

NAVY OFFICER CLEARED OVER SHIP COLLISION

A naval officer convicted of negligence after a collision between his cruiser and a German vessel was cleared by the Court of Appeal yesterday.

Lt-Comdr Timothy Harvard Yates-Johnson, a visiting officer of the Fearless, 12,120 tons, at the time of the collision off Portland in September, 1983, had his conviction quashed and sentence set aside. He had been reprimanded after his conviction by court martial on Feb. 22.

Lord Justice May, sitting in the Courts Martial Appeal Court with Mr Justice Sheehy and Mr Justice Mcowan, ruled that the officer's acquittal on three specific heads of negligence but conviction of one alleged offence under a general head was "wholly inconsistent and wholly unsatisfactory."

Teacher has string of drug convictions

By **GUY RAIS**

THE London teacher accused of supplying drugs, including LSD which eventually led to the death of an hallucinating boy, has drug convictions going back to 1970, his trial was told yesterday.

RICHARD CATHERWOOD'S record was read out by Det Insp GRAHAM COLLINS at the request of the defence at Inner London Crown Court.

In 1970 he was fined £25 in the West End for possessing cannabis. In 1971 he was sentenced to 18 months and deportation by an Israeli court for possessing a kilo of cannabis.

Possession, not supply
In 1973 he was deported from Germany after a conviction in Munich for possessing LSD and cannabis. In 1974, he was sentenced to four months in Northern Ireland for possessing the same two drugs.

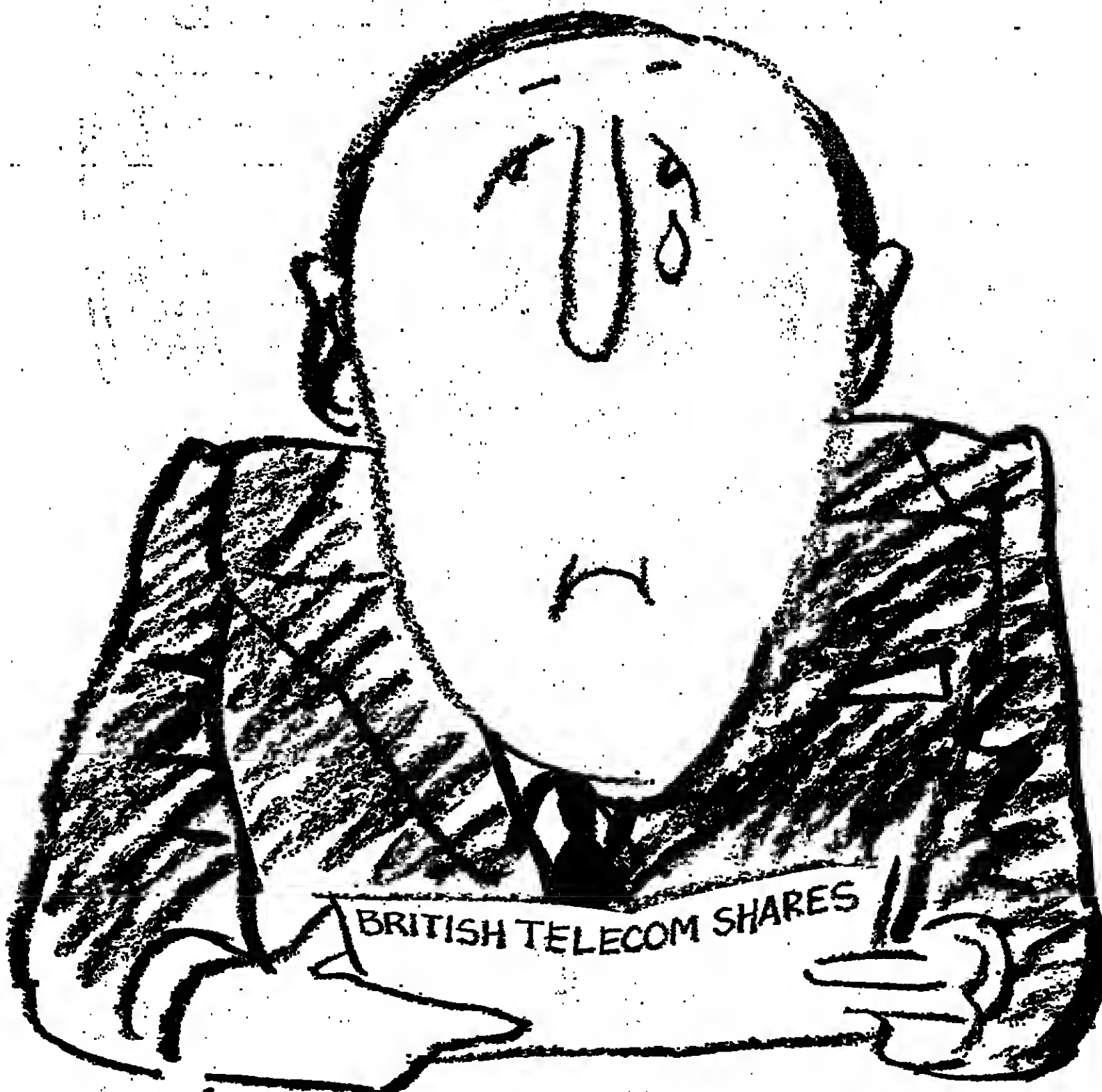
In 1977 he got six months, suspended, at Inner London Crown Court for the same offence.

Det Insp Collins agreed with Mr DANIEL WORSLEY, defending, that all the offences had been for possession, not supplying.

The prosecution alleges that South African born Catherwood, an I.T.E.A. supply teacher, set himself up as a drugs dealer to youngsters at his home in Melbourne Grove, East Dulwich. Last June one client is said to have passed on 1.5 SD tablets to 16-year-old Lee Sawyer, who fell to his death next day from high-rise flats.

Catherwood, 39, denies seven charges, including supplying LSD, cocaine and cannabis. He admits three charges of unlawfully possessing cannabis and LSD, and supplying cannabis.

The hearing was adjourned until today.



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HAVERS DENIES No. 10 HAND IN COSTS DECISION

By PETER PRYKE Parliamentary Correspondent

SIR MICHAEL HAVERS, Attorney-General, was accused by Labour MPs in the Commons yesterday of having "tarnished his high office" by becoming directly involved in the miners' dispute.

During angry exchanges they claimed that the Prime Minister was behind Sir Michael's decision to meet the costs of the accountants appointed by the High Court to sequester the NUM's assets if it became necessary.

Sir Michael insisted that the initiative to indemnify Price Waterhouse, the accountants, was his, because of his public duty to see that the orders of the court were not frustrated. But he agreed that he had consulted other Ministers before the indemnity was authorised.

The initiative had started after the difficulties of the accountants had been put before him, and "nothing had come from No. 10," he said. After that, he had consulted "certain colleagues," but Sir Michael was not prepared to say who they were, other than a Treasury Minister required to authorise the public expenditure if it was incurred.

'Unique case'
Labour MPs repeatedly shouted "resign" as Sir Michael sought to reply to claims that his action was unprecedented by stating that it was a unique case for a court to be faced with £2 million having been "squirrelled" out of the country to avoid a £200,000 fine for contempt.

He was also questioned about a statement by Price Waterhouse that they had not asked for the indemnity.

Sir Michael replied that he had realised that there was a risk that the accountants could not go on with the sequestration.

Declaring that it was not right that a commercial firm should have to risk their funds in this way, he said: "I spoke to them after I had got the authority for the indemnity."

"I was told they had set a limit beyond which they would not go."

"They had not reached that limit but they were not far from it."

Turning on his critics, Sir Michael attacked Labour MPs for not saying "one single word" in support of the orders

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Sir MICHAEL HAVERS: No alternative but to give assistance.

had no funds to meet the increasing costs. As the guardian of the public interest I had no alternative but to give assistance."

Mr JIM WALLACE (Lib., Orkney and Shetland) said: "There is a fine dividing line between the province of the executive and by such a blatant political act you have overstepped the line."

Sir MICHAEL replied: "It seems to me so simple, that an order of the High Court should be enforced. I as guardian of the public interest was the only person who could do it."

Repeatedly questioned about the source of his authority for giving the indemnity, he said finally: "Every Minister has the power to give indemnity in the right circumstances."

This was so, as long as it was put before the House at an appropriate time, as this one had been.

Mr ROY MASON (Lab., Barnsley Central) said the Government was directly participating in the strike by trying financially to cripple the union. "It is an act without parallel" and it should be stopped.

Mr IVAN LAWRENCE (C., Burton) told Sir Michael: "The country will be behind you in your taking seriously your duty to uphold the law."

Hailsham commends 'proper' act

By Our Parliamentary Staff

WHEN Sir Michael Havers's decision to underwrite the sequestrators' costs in the NUM case was discussed in the Lords yesterday, Lord HAILSHAM, Lord Chancellor, said he thought Sir Michael had acted "perfectly properly and intelligently."

He said proceedings in Dublin were before the equivalent of our High Court and that court gave an interlocutory injunction freezing the assets of the miners' union in Dublin.

The plaintiff in Dublin was the sequestrators who were required to give an undertaking that risk would be done in the end. A bond had been demanded and the sequestrators asked

the English court where it was to come from. At that stage, when they were told there were no funds, the Attorney-General offered an indemnity.

"In my thinking he acted perfectly properly and intelligently," he said. His offer was volunteered because it was necessary to offer a bond equivalent to support an indemnity for damages in the Dublin Court which continued the injunction on that basis.

What was unprecedented was that in order to defeat the order of the court a person in contempt had been wicked enough or foolish enough to remove assets abroad.

"As there was no precedent for that action there is no precedent for the riposte," he said. He hoped that when the funds

Sunday shops

law 'must be obeyed'

THE law on Sunday trading "must be obeyed," Mrs THATCHER insisted in the Commons yesterday.

She endorsed the view of Mrs ANGELA RUMBOLD (C., Mitcham and Morden) that the large High Street stores which opened last Sunday "should be roundly condemned."

The PRIME MINISTER said at Question Time: "The law must be obeyed until it is changed by Parliament."

Opposition claims
Her denunciation of illegal Sunday trading follows Monday's claims in the Commons by the Shadow Home Secretary, Mr Gerald Kaufman, that there appeared to be "one law for the miners and another for the merchants."

Mr Kaufman had criticised Mrs Thatcher for failing to issue an immediate condemnation when Heal's, Habitat and other stores opened for business on Sunday.

SOVIET MISSILES REDEPLOYED

By Our Parliamentary Staff

Since the Soviet Union broke off the Intermediate Nuclear Forces negotiations in November last year it had redeployed about 50 short-range mobile scaleboard missiles from Soviet territory to bases in East Germany and Czechoslovakia, Lord TREFGARNE, Armed Forces Under-Secretary, said in a written Lords answer yesterday.

It also increased the deployment of ballistic missile-carrying submarines off the United States coasts.

are ultimately acquired there would be no liability on the Government.

Lord ELWYN-JONES (Lab.), the former Lord Chancellor, had queried whether there was a precedent for the Government intervention and if similar financial help would be given should future cootempt proceedings arise.

He added: "This surely adds a new dimension if not a new terror to contempt proceedings which are already subject to a great deal of criticism for their very nature and embrace."

Lord WIGODER (Lib.), while voicing anxiety about "the course on which the Government has embarked," said none of the Alliance peers offered the slightest support for the criticism of Mr Scargill.

DOUBT ON EEC CASH CURB RULE

By WILLIAM WESKES Parliamentary Staff

THE agreement on budgetary discipline reached by EEC leaders provided effective and appropriate ways of controlling Community spending.

Mr RIFKIND, Foreign Office Minister of State, told the Commons yesterday.

But some of his own backbenchers expressed strong doubts, among them Mr ANTHONY MARLOW (Northampton, N.) who said that in legal terms the proposals would hold as much water as a leaky sieve.

Opening a debate on the Common Market budgets, Mr Rifkind responded to criticism that the proposals would not be legally enforceable because of the absence of any Community regulation.

He agreed that had there been a regulation or treaty amendment there could be no question but that these rules on budgetary discipline were completely enforceable.

"Whether they are legally enforceable is a matter which in the last resort, can be determined only by the European Court. But we believe they are binding conclusions, and the heads of Government believe they are binding."

Political will
Mr NICHOLAS BUDGEN (C., Wolverhampton W.) wondered why, if all the other countries had the political will to curb excessive spending on agriculture, they did not agree to a regulation.

Mr RIFKIND said he had no doubt that the attraction of budgetary discipline had been received with varying degrees of enthusiasm in member countries.

But only two countries entered reservations in which they did not consider the conclusions by the Council of Ministers to be binding on the Council as a whole.

The objective of the United Kingdom had always been to ensure that Community spending was dealt with on more or less the same basis as national spending, he said.

Britain had never sought to suggest that there had to be an absolute straitjacket round expenditure. But only that Community spending ought to be dealt with according to rules no national government would consider appropriate for itself.

DEADLINE FOR POST
The Post Office said yesterday that Friday is the last recommended day for sending Christmas greetings to members of the armed forces in the South Atlantic and Northern Ireland through the special free airmail service.

Peers puzzle over hanging bombers for treason

By WALTER ABURN Parliamentary Staff

THE question of whether the Brighton bombers could be hanged for high treason went unanswered in an interchange in the Lords yesterday.

Lord Hailsham, Lord Chancellor, was asked by the Earl of Onslow (C.) whether the Treason Acts remained in force.

Lord HAILSHAM raised laughter by reminding peers that "one of the types of conduct" which constituted treason was killing the Lord Chancellor.

He added that a number of Treason Acts, including the 1351 Act, were still in force.

The criteria for a prosecution under them was the same as for any other offence. It was the likelihood on the available evidence of securing a conviction and the general interest of the public.

Lord ONSLOW asked if attempting to blow up the Government was high treason or if it could be charged as high treason. "If so, does capital punishment still apply?"

Levying war
Voicing his personal disagreement with capital punishment he asked if it would not be right to repeal the law so that capital punishment would not apply to high treason.

To have a law like that on the Statute Book when the crime seemed to be committed frequently was not a satisfactory state of affairs.

Lord HAILSHAM said that whether trying to blow up the Government was treason would, he supposed, be a question for a jury, properly directed, to decide.

Treason was levying war against Her Majesty within her realm or, alternatively, counselling the death of the sovereign, punishment under the 1351 Act as amended was death by hanging.

Repeal of law would be a subject for the Home Secretary to consider. He added that the Law Commission was considering the question of public order offences which supposedly includes treason.

He understood they had hit several major snags and it was not known when they were likely to report.

Planted a bomb
Lord DENNING, former Master of the Rolls, queried from the cross-benches whether

CRUCIAL ROLE FOR UNION

By NICHOLAS COMFORT Political Staff

LABOUR'S National Executive is to meet today to fix a timetable for appointing a new party general secretary to succeed Mr James Mortimer, amid signs that the General, Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union may play the crucial role in the choice.

Led by Mr David Basnett, the union the third largest, not only has the loyalty of Mr Allan Hadden, party chairman, and Mr Neville Hough, his deputy, but could launch the campaign of any three of the favourites for the post.

Mr Mortimer intends to retire next May at the latest. While the competition to succeed him will be intense, who ever the union decides, the nominee will be seen widely as the "man to beat."

The union would instinctively promote Mr Alex Ferry, 55, general secretary of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions, who was among the candidates defeated by Mr Mortimer in 1982.

Solidarity campaign
But it is not certain that Mr Ferry will want to make a second attempt for the job.

The Right of the party would like the General and Municipal Union to nominate Mr David Warburton, national officer for the chemical industry and unofficial organiser of the Labour solidarity campaign.

The union's third potential candidate, Mr Larry Whitty, is seen by some executive and Shadow Cabinet members as the favourite.

He is the headquarters official of the union dealing with legal affairs and health and safety. Other potential candidates are Mr John Garrett, 53, a management consultant and former MP for Norwich South and Mrs Helen Liddell, 55, Labour's Scottish regional organiser.

Mr George Wright, secretary of the Wales TUC, is another possible candidate together with Mr Alan Thomas, founder of a computer business, who is advising Labour on computerising its headquarters and organisation.

BOBBY WARMERS:
Ratepayers are to fork out £10,000 on thermal underwear for police officers on picket duty. Wiltshire County Council's police authority decided to allocate £20 to all the officers involved in policing the pits to alleviate "extreme suffering" during the winter.

'WORSE THAN SCROOGE' JIBE OVER BONUS

Mrs Thatcher defended herself in the Commons yesterday against claims by Mr DAVID STEEL, the Liberal leader, that she was worse than Scrooge in not increasing the pensioners' Christmas bonus.


Mr Steel claimed that the £10 bonus, introduced by the Conservatives in 1972, was now worth only £2.80 in real terms because of inflation.

Mrs THATCHER, who insisted that her Government would continue to pay the Christmas bonus, told Mr Steel: "If you want more, will you say where the other resources should come from?"

Today in Parliament
HOUSE OF LORDS
2.30: Debates on unemployment and on the inappropriate prison confinement of mentally ill offenders.

HOUSE OF COMMONS
2.30: Local Government Bill, progress.

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So what's new about the 1985 Sierra?

Once again Ford is giving you more.

You might have spotted the first change already. The new styling. The car featured here is not a Ghia as you might suppose. It's a GL.

But, as you can see, it has a handsome new front end very similar to the Ghia's. The L receives the same treatment.

There are many developments under the bonnet too.

All Sierra 1.6 models now have the advanced E-max engine as standard. With the five-speed gearbox it does over 50 mpg at 56 mph!

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There's a much refined 2.0 litre engine as well. By modifying the design of the cylinder block we have made it smoother and quieter than ever.

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We've also made the five-speed gearbox standard in the Sierra 1.6 GL as well as all 1.8 and 2.0 litre models.

And there's an advanced new four-speed

automatic for 2.0 litre models. The fourth gear is an overdrive which makes the automatic almost as economical as a five-speed manual.

You will find many more detail improvements to the Sierra range—new wheel covers, new instruments and new trim.

Even the XR4i gets new standard features. A sunroof, central locking, electric windows and tinted glass.

And there's a new option which is very rarely found in family cars. Air-conditioning.

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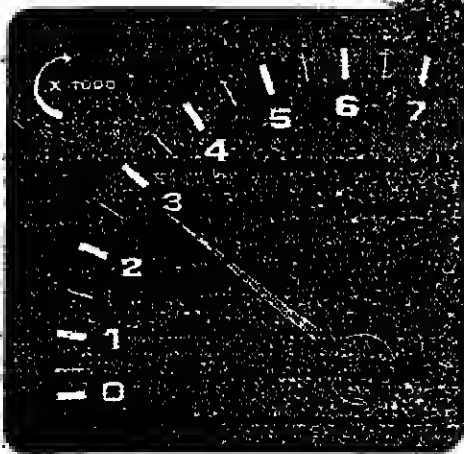
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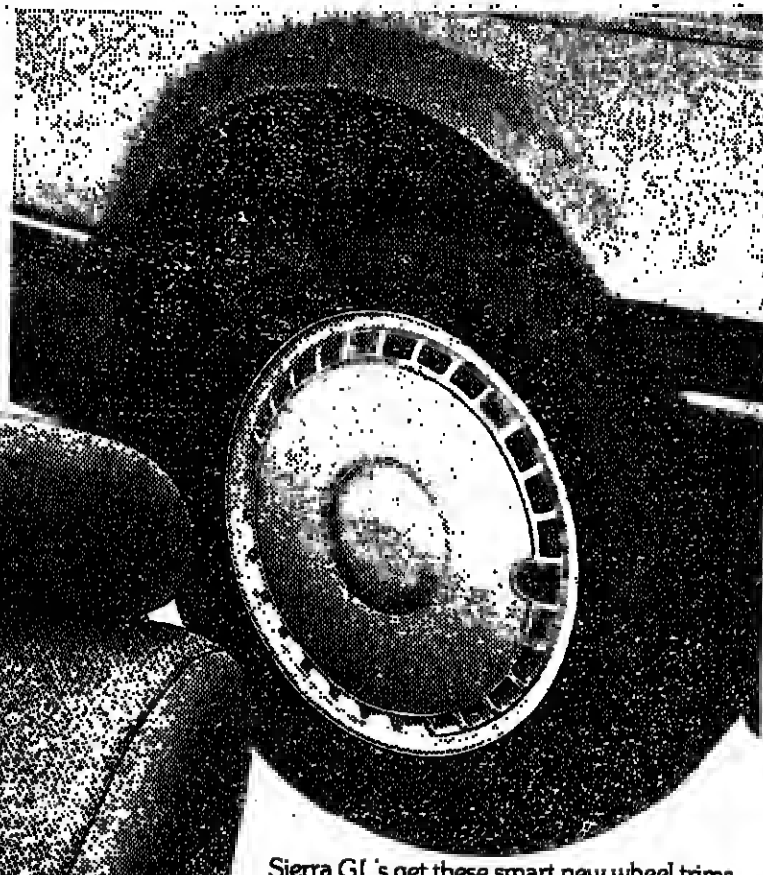


Sierra L and GL petrol models receive this smooth new front end with wider headlamp glasses. Both models have single headlamps.

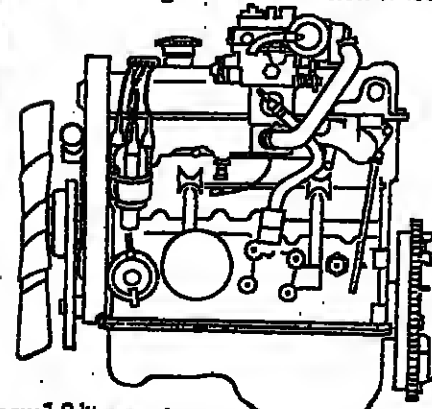
We've added a rev counter to the petrol-engined GL. You'll be surprised to see how slowly the 2.0 litre engine is turning as you cruise along at 70 mph in 5th gear.



The five-speed gearbox is now standard on all 2.0 litre and 1.8 litre models. And on the 1.6 GL and 2.3 Diesel. There's also a new 4-speed automatic for 2.0 litre Sierras.



Sierra GL's get these smart new wheel trims.



The new 1.8 litre engine develops 90 P.S. It features electronic spark control and Ford's latest 'lean-burn' cylinder head design which means simply that it breathes in more air and less fuel.

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Sierra models	56 mph (90 km/h)	75 mph (120 km/h)	Urban Cycle	Max speed* (mph)
1.6 5-speed	51.4 (5.5)	39.8 (7.1)	31.7 (8.9)	103
1.8 5-speed	47.1 (6.0)	37.2 (7.6)	31.4 (9.0)	110
2.0 5-speed	48.7 (5.8)	38.2 (7.4)	27.4 (10.3)	116
2.0 4-speed Auto	46.3 (6.1)	36.7 (7.7)	26.6 (10.6)	114

*Ford computed figures.

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EVELYN LAYE, BRINGING THAT OLD MAGIC TO THE PANTO

BY CAROLYN SLOAN



Picture by SRDJA DJUKANOVIC

EVELYN LAYE in the Eighties: rehearsal for "Babes in the Wood" this year at Chichester. With her: back row, Anthony Hampton (left) and Greg Saunders; front, Lara Mustafa (left) and Claire Fox.

STYLE is something actress Evelyn Laye has on and off stage. She rinses her handkerchiefs in rice-water, "never starch," to make them crisp. And she wanted to be interviewed over tea at the Ritz. "I like occasions, don't you?" she said disarmingly.

She reminisced happily, did a hilarious but affectionate impersonation of Nellie Wallace and then talked about "Babes in the Wood," her first pantomime for more years than she can remember. It opens at the Chichester Festival Theatre on Friday with Miss Laye as the Fairy Queen.

She had been up at 7.15 a.m. that morning to get ready to rehearse in a Y W C A hall in the Bad Rother, Spike Milligan. People today, she has noticed, wear anything for rehearsal.

"Mr Cochran would not approve! We 'Young Ladies' always arrived at the stage door correctly dressed, with hats and gloves, and then changed into our practice clothes."

Nor does she intend to be thrown by the predictably unpredictable Mr Milligan. "I love working with comics," she said, chuckling ominously, "and I can gag back—I've had to."

Pantomimes with The Crazy Gang gave her

plenty of practice. "They used to back the horses' bottoms up against the 'kitchen window' when I was doing my solo. But I got my own back."

On the last night she appeared in their 'throwing - buckets - of - water' routine, and the water was freezing cold.

Although Miss Laye swears she will spend Christmas—her one day off—huddled with a half-bottle of champagne, she loves the family atmosphere of pantomime. Her own mother, Evelyn Stuart, was the principal boy of her day—she played pantomime at Christmas, 1899—and the young Evelyn was born the following July.

At 17 Miss Laye was principal girl at Portsmouth, by 19 she was a Gaiety leading lady, and in the Twenties she became the golden girl of London and Broadway, consolidating a string of successes with immediate triumph in "Madame Pompadour" in London and "Bitter Sweet" in America. She was treated like royalty; it was orchids-and-champagne time, with millionaires admiring and an exotic lifestyle.

In London people queued up to 26 hours to see her on stage. Her theatre dressing room had a coal fire, grand piano, dining



EVELYN LAYE, Forties version, as principal boy in "Cinderella" at His Majesty's Theatre.

table and chaise-longue. She drove an early Lagonda and ordered hand-made silk lingerie.

In 1938 she revolutionised pantomime by appearing as the first masculine principal boy in "Sleeping Beauty." Doris Zinkeisen designed her costumes to disguise her feminine shape, experts devised new hairstyles and make-up, and she introduced new props, a snuff box, spy-glass and whip.

"I liked fighting," she explains, "with swords. I made it a character part based on chaps I'd known in Hollywood. And I took mannerisms from Frank [her late husband, Frank Lawton]—he was such a fascinating man."

It was controversial, it worked and the pantomime ran till Easter. Tom Arnold took a whole train of principal boys to study the new phenomena, which has been copied ever since.

"Evelyn Laye but Boo to my friends" is how the breathless young understudy introduced herself

to the famous Gaiety girl Ruby Miller. It became a catchphrase between them and, in 1958, the title of her autobiography.

Like all good theatre stories, it has laughter and tears in abundance. The glitter of stardom is tempered with toughness, memories of haunting agents' offices for work, killing bed-bugs by gas-light in touring digs with Dottie Smith—and grim has-been years in the Fifties when she had to tour second-rate variety halls and was hooded in Belfast.

Her sensational comeback in "Wedding in Paris" was greeted with happier "Bnos" as loyal fans shouted her pet name. She was back to stay.

At a deceptively young 84, she is writing "a funny book about old age, with no self-pity. People today expect so much. They expect to be happy, but happiness comes from inside. They expect to be made successful, but you must make success for yourself. I'm a lucky woman. I'm rich in the right way."

In 1929, an Irish-born policeman stopped the New York traffic for her. Today she can command the only free taxi in the Piccadilly rush hour. The driver grins broadly. "How are you feeling, Miss Laye?"

"Wicked," she said, wickedly. As she says so well in her famous recording: "They don't make 'em like that, any more."

Master of the dolls...

I UNDERSTOOD that E. J. Taylor was an elderly gentleman with a penchant for making puppets. He turned out to be a young painter/sculptor / designer / illustrator whose Christmas figures for Tiffany's, the famous New York store, are now on show at the Barbican Centre, in London.

"The store's directors have a policy of using young artists who wouldn't get a show elsewhere," he told me. "As a kid I was fascinated by marionettes and puppets," said this shy perfectionist who has recently turned to writing and illustrating children's books to make a living.

Although he has made masks and puppets for ballets like "The Nutcracker" and Broadway shows, his work is so unusual and not immediately accessible that few but the most eccentrically discerning would want to buy it.

It may be brilliantly clever but would rarely be described as beautiful. E. J. almost accepts this.

"As my aunt said about the figures when we met again after many years, 'I know they are supposed to be good but why do you have to make them so damned ugly?' In fact E. J. gets so involved with the figures he creates they turn into people for him."

I was commissioned to write a book about doll-making and I made two rag dolls for the first chapter. Then these two personalities, Ruby Buttons and Violet Pickles, emerged.

"By bit by bit they came to life and I was looking for a place for them to live."

Thus the books emerged, two at present, one and a fourth later in 1985. Beautifully illustrated and engagingly old-fashioned, they are selling—on his figures—extraordinarily well.

The two dolls live with a retired nanny called Miss Biscuit in Ivy Cottage somewhere in the country. I suppose the books are about my childhood memories. My grandparents lived in the hills in Oregon, my father was a salmon fisherman and my mother came from a logging family. It was a childhood of fishing, woodwork and stroudberry fields—a real rural life.

His exhibition at the Barbican Centre consists of five tableaux. Each figure is incredibly detailed, the faces seeming almost real. And they might be better described as three-dimensional dressed sculptures rather than dolls or puppets.

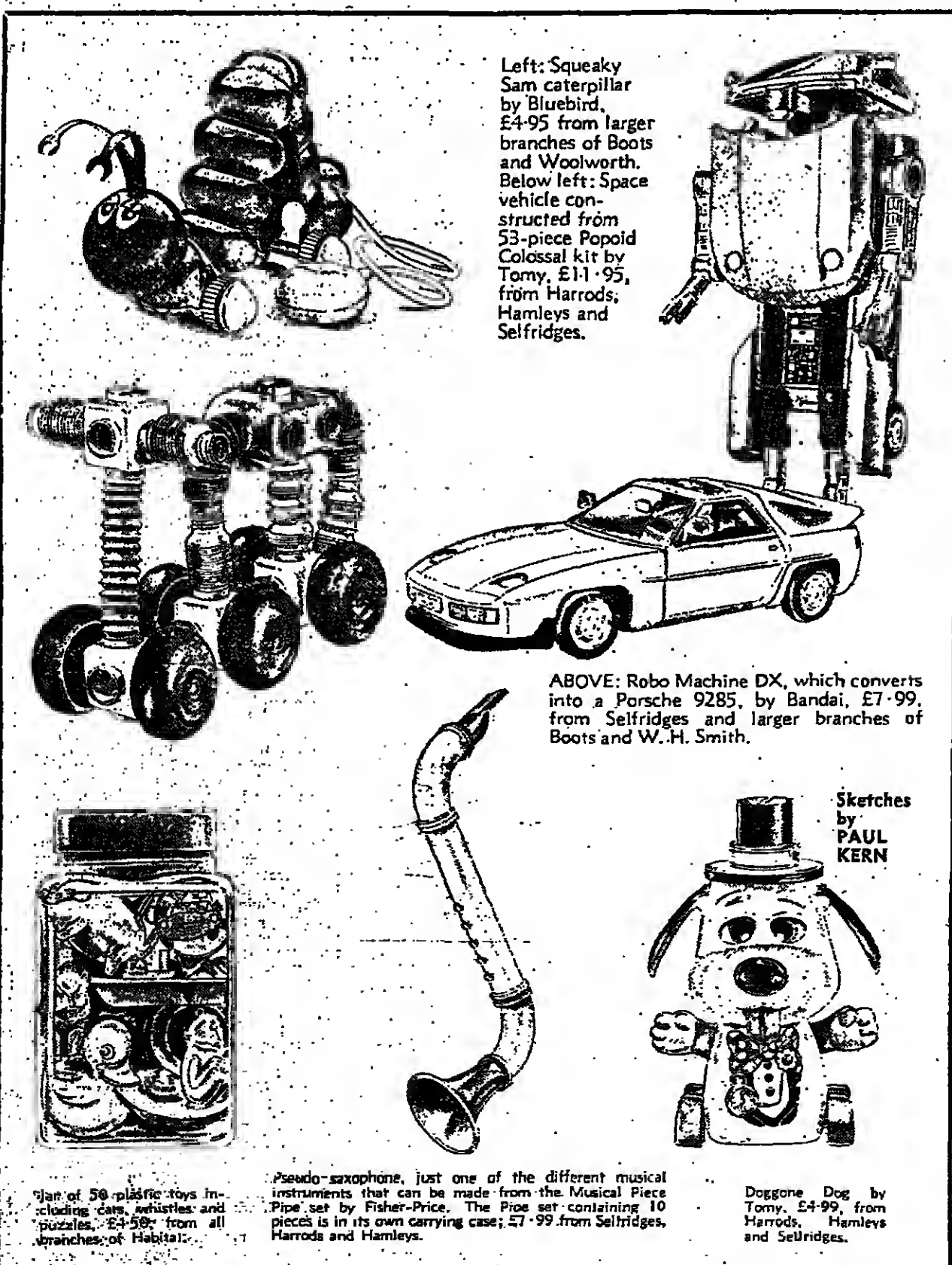
The heads and bodies are fashioned from fixed clay, and the figures built up from paper mache on a wire armature. "I used a vast assortment of fabrics and furs, most of which I found in second-hand or junk shops. The objects for the heads took me a year to find and I had to pay £40 for an antique doll's arm to get them."

This kind of attention to detail is typical of the artist. Even the fur round St Nicholas's silk velvet coat is genuine, this time found in a New York thrift shop.

E. J.'s art is curious, but compelling. Visitors to the exhibition in the Concourse at the Barbican Centre until January 6 (admission free) should also find his enchanting books on sale. Published by Walker Books, they cost £4.95.

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TOYING WITH SOME GOOD IDEAS



Left: Squeaky Sam caterpillar by Bluebird, £4.95 from larger branches of Boots and Woolworth. Below left: Space vehicle constructed from 33-piece Popoid Colossal kit by Tomy, £11.95, from Harrods, Hamleys and Selfridges. Above: Robo Machine DX, which converts into a Porsche 928S, by Bandai, £7.99, from Selfridges and larger branches of Boots and W. H. Smith. Pseudo saxophone, just one of the different musical instruments that can be made from the Musical Pipes set by Fisher-Price. The Pipe set containing 10 pieces is in its own carrying case; £7.99 from Selfridges, Harrods and Hamleys. Doggone Dog by Tomy, £4.99, from Harrods, Hamleys and Selfridges. Sketches by PAUL KERN.

MILLIONS of pounds worth of toys are, as usual, crowding the shelves all over the country and the choice is as always bewildering, from giant soft toys to electronic marvels with stereo sound, from delicate dolls to construction kits for monsters.

The problem for parents and friends is to choose toys that will be more than a five-minute wonder and those which, with luck or judgment, will extend the child's capacities for imagination and learning. A good toy is both fun and educational.

One of the best in the category for three- to eight-year-olds is My Talking Computer. This, de-

spite its cost of around £50, was immensely popular when it came out last year and now the company has brought out a new expansion module which is actually programmable.

While adding 16 more programmes to the 21 available with the original toy computer, the new one includes music and sentence-making and even a compressed piano keyboard for the child to make up its own tunes. The new module, costing about £18, is available, as is the original machine, at many shops including Boots and W. H. Smith.

"The Good Toy Guide" (A. & C. Black, £5.95) is

always worth a browse through for any sensible toy-buyer for it helps to take the hit-and-miss element out of what to buy. Including everything from rattles to computer games and compiled jointly by Play Matters and the Toy Libraries Association, the guide recommends over 700 toys selected from thousands play-tested by children themselves.

Listed among its top ten toys is a splendidly original construction kit by Tomy called Popoid Colossal. Popping with lovely noises, the bits and pieces can be bent, expanded, contracted and turned into innumerable figures and shapes.

Equally entertaining—again in the top ten—is the Piece-Pipe by Fisher-Price. Sold in its own neat carrying case, this is a versatile musical set which can be built into three separate wind instruments or just put together in different ways to make a variety of sounds.

It certainly makes less racket than those piercing trumpet noises so favoured by children on Christmas morning.

Another of the top ten is an endearing animal called Doggone Dog. Push down the top of his head, wait and then he flaps his ears, pops out his nose

...AND SOME THAT ARE REAL STINKERS

THE most odious toys on the American Christmas market this year are "stinkies." These are dolls priced at two dollars (about £1.60) that have apt names like Rotten Eggs, Bad Breath, Sewer and Outhouse.

A report put out here in Washington on toy quality and safety listed other "trash bin" toys, such as those breakable with liquid harmful to the skin and one on sexual trivia, described as more suitable for an adult bookstore than a child's Christmas stocking.

Rather more imaginative, although still on the warning list, is the Blood-sucker, a red half-pen at four dollars



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MR LAWSON'S FIRST TASK

ONLY NINE MONTHS AGO, the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, was the hero of the Tory backbenches. His coherent and imaginative first Budget appeared to bring to an end a miserable period for the Government, characterised by drift, minor incompetence and bad luck. In the glowing aftermath, Mr Lawson, previously considered by his colleagues to be rather a remote figure, was talked about as a future Conservative leader. However, if the Chancellor's star was in the ascendant last spring, it did not remain there for very long.

During the summer recess a change of mood overtook the party in Parliament. MPs who had been prepared to accept the doubling of unemployment between 1980 and 1982 as a necessary shake-out of over-manning, restrictive practices and outmoded forms of production were shocked to discover that despite 3 per cent growth in the economy and inflation in low single figures, the dole queues were beginning to lengthen again. Most of them had never previously considered the possibility that unemployment would continue to rise for the whole of the new Parliament. When they did, they found the prospect deeply disturbing.

In recent weeks, the party's anxiety has become more articulate and directed. In particular, a series of speeches and public utterances by the Chancellor have provoked mounting criticism that the Government was complacent and uncaring. Mr Lawson has adhered resolutely to the view that the policies in place were the right ones and that while he had every sympathy with the plight of the unemployed, there was a limit to how much this or any Government could do to help them. Sufficient numbers of new jobs would only be created, the Chancellor frequently reiterated, if people with jobs did not insist on pricing others out of work by demanding excessive pay settlements. The Government could only hope that by exhortation and gradual reform of the inflexible British labour market, wage bargainers would begin to behave more responsibly.

In a way, the Chancellor deserves respect for his fastidious refusal to offer false hopes or peddle quick remedies. He may, however, be guilty of conveying a rather greater degree of fatalism than is either politically wise or strictly necessary. Without undermining the medium-term financial strategy or being forced to adopt policies which it does not believe to be sensible, there is a great deal more which the Government could be doing to demonstrate that it shares the concern of those on whom it depends for support. As he begins to prepare his second Budget, Mr Lawson's overwhelming priority must be to use the money he has at his disposal to provide additional help for the unemployed. Nothing less will do.

HONOURING AN ASS

A GOOD DEAL of rather repellent hypocrisy is floating round on the subject of what moral claims the law has on our obedience. On Monday, Mr Gerald Kaufman bombarded on the depravity shown by Mrs Thatcher in silently acquiescing in the illegal Sunday trading of big department stores while condemning the lawlessness of the N.U.M. Yesterday, the Prime Minister amply repaid her momentary omission; but Mr Kaufman's point was never particularly impressive. There really is, no parallel between the deliberate defiance of court orders designed to defend established civil rights and the flouting of an anachronistic law almost unanimously regarded as unworkable and absurd.

Nevertheless, this whole matter requires some elucidation. No one is morally obliged to invoke the civil law to defend all his rights against the invasions of his neighbours; we are none of us under moral compulsion to bankrupt our debtors; but if we decide to enforce our rights, the courts must enforce and uphold our claims. Even the ancient legal adage which, being translated, says that there shall be no punishment without a crime is not to be confused with the converse proposition that there shall be no crime without a punishment. It is impossible at any time in any community to enforce the whole of the criminal law, and judgments have to be made about when and where to turn a blind eye.

This dangerous but incontrovertible doctrine having been enunciated, let it be added that the action of some big department stores in jumping the gun by anticipating contentious legislation on Sunday trading is an ostentatious piece of insolence offered at a time when the law is in need of friends. The firms concerned should not be allowed to get away with it.

DILEMMA IN DURBAN

THE THREE FUGITIVES who have been boled up in the British Consulate in Durban for three months seem resigned to leaving, though they will almost certainly be arrested by South African security police. They will, however, not be arrested under the detention orders which led them to seek refuge in the British consulate. The South African Government has cancelled these orders and will now charge the three fugitives with high treason. To an outsider the distinction may seem slight but in South African terms it is very great. The point is that the only way the South African Government can now proceed against these men is through the courts.

The British Government, which faces abuse from the fugitives, and no doubt from the Labour Opposition, can comfort itself that it has helped the cause of justice. The higher South African courts are remarkably free and will at least accord these men greater justice than the South African police would have done under detention orders. It may be argued that it is wrong for the British Government to have played such an intimate role in the affairs of another country. But what else could it have done, but offer refuge when the fugitives (there were then six of them) originally threw themselves at the mercy of consular officials?

As for the three fugitives, they only do themselves great harm when their spokesman, Dr Fanox Mera, says that the British Government has been "paralysed by its own greed and self-interest" and "is not on the side of democracy". This is said of a Government which was constrained to accept the position of an unwilling host and whose consular activities have as a result been disrupted for three months. The objective outside world may think that these fugitives are being a little shrill and ungrateful, however shining their cause may be, and that the British Government's conduct, if not always wholly competent, has been wholly honourable.

How CND tries to undermine Britain's defences

IN line with traditional practice, the Home Secretary, Leon Brittan, has refused to confirm or deny whether he has authorised any interception of CND's mail or telephone calls. There are, however, some very good reasons why the authorities might want to keep an eye on some of CND's activities.

Christmas is almost here and the trees are on sale. By Twelfth Night they will be due for demolition. But the telephone trees will remain. "Telephone trees," more accurately described by an exponent as "spreading ripples," is a term not widely known. Neither are telephone blockades.

But all these terms are well known to members of CND, or more specifically its subsidiary Cruisewatch.

The telephone is an important weapon in the CND aim of tracking cruise missiles as they are moved around the country, with a view to preventing their deployment in an emergency. CND has protested against allegedly illicit opening of its mail and telephone tapping and disruption. The Post Office, apparently, has responded, apologised and sent £100 "goodwill payment".

Today the Commons Home Affairs Select Committee, which is investigating activities of the Special Branch, will hear detailed complaints from the National Council for Civil Liberties and CND about alleged infringements of their civil liberties in connection with Cruisewatch and other activities.

In passing, it should be noted that while many CND members are decent well-meaning people who simply are deeply opposed to nuclear annihilation, it has been deeply penetrated by Left-wing activists. Its recent conference avoided condemning Russian SS20 missiles. The new balance of power in CND will not be clear until its new executive is elected shortly.

AGAIN, Miss Sarah Pepper, CND membership secretary, complaining of alleged surveillance, said it was totally unnecessary as CND had no secrets and practised non-violence. Anyone, she said, could walk into their bookshops and, if they wanted, find out what they were up to. But CND keeps rather quiet, as far as the general public is concerned, about some of its activities.

Let us see what happened to the Greenham Common women. Their movement, founded by idealists, most of whom have left, has become something of an anachronism. Somewhat hysterical, fanatical for women's causes, some proud of sluttish behaviour, they have failed in their original purpose.

That was to prevent cruise missiles arriving in October, 1983. In fact the Greenham "wimmin", or "wimen" as they style themselves, are not confined to Greenham. They have London offices and centres. They are highly organised.

That is where Cruisewatch and the telephone trees, now described by CND as "highly sophisticated," come in. So far, cruise convoys of various compositions have left Greenham on the 10 occasions mostly by night. The largest, including four large missile launchers, each capable of launching four cruise, comprised 26 vehicles.

None has carried live missiles. Moreover the United States Air Force and Ministry of Defence, who man and guard them, have to observe "tension indicators" in East-West relations. That means they do not go out when the Russians might get the wrong impression.

They wish to familiarise the public with the sight of convoys to minimise apprehension. But since cruise will only be deployed for real, in a true emergency, far away from Greenham, it is essential to practice convoy movement, particularly on secondary roads where they have difficulties.

Usually, they have gone to Salisbury Plain or other sites in Hampshire.

By

BLAKE BAKER

shire and Wiltshire. Usually when they do so, Cruisewatch attempts to track them and publicise their own successes. Sometimes they have failed, not least due to American and local cunning.

It is suspected that the Greenham women might have night-sight equipment, able to see the convoy forming up. Then the telephone trees are alerted.

The trees are prearranged networks of phone contacts. Once the first warning call is received, locally or in London, it can proceed rapidly.

I have a Cruisewatch diagram of one tree. It consists of a circle of 30 women's first names and phone numbers, at home or sometimes at work, with the instruction: "Phone the next two." Because the system has been cracked by CND opponents, and at least one false alarm planted, safety precautions are included to confirm the genuine nature of the call.

For the same reason, Cruisewatch is understood to have reorganised itself into cells to avoid disruption. When a convoy sets out, a Greenham vehicle will try to trail it, reporting from telephone booths where it stops. Berkshire and other local supporters try to join in tracking, or man key road junctions.

They hope if possible to stop a convoy, go along or returning, but so far without success, although exercise locations have been identified. CND Southampton has published a map, of which I have a copy, showing roads which cruise must use, with public telephone boxes and detailed guidance on exercise sites. A detailed map

of the base has been published in the CND magazine SANTRY. The women's trailing activities include creeping through forests to measure tyre tracks, to work out what vehicles are being used, and checking on work done to improve roads and tracks to cope with convoys.

A girlishly enthusiastic account of the operations — and how they had apparently been thwarted by other agencies — was published recently by Polly Woolley, Cruisewatch co-ordinator. She described how her phone would go ominously dead in the middle of the night as she tried to activate the telephone tree; then fleeing to "safe houses" to use other phones, telling people to monitor roads or go to junctions at specified map references. She made herself sound like a wartime SOE girl.

Apart from the main telephone trees, a regional one is being set up by Amanda Forster of Peckham. All messages can be checked and confirmed. London members have a rallying point in Trafalgar Square. All this goes on in the dead of night. It all sounds like the Keystone Cops. If it were not more serious.

One of CND's excuses for all this activity, which might be thought subversive, is to prove that, if they can do it, so can the Russians. But of course different cruise destinations are likely in a real emergency. Moreover, Cruisewatch, by tracking convoys, publishing maps, and detailed reports, and establishing a private intelligence organisation, is doing the Russians' work for them.

Cruisewatch and CND complain that on convoy nights, apart from any phone tapping, whole networks of phones go out of order. I have no doubt they do. Perhaps the authorities have been a bit clumsy. But who can blame them? If something like Cruisewatch had operated in the Falklands war the Argentines would have known the Services' preparations.

CND have another target too:

what are known in Whitehall jargon as Emergency Service Routes. These are main roads, not only in and out of London. White-chapel Road is one, but through-out the country which would be closed to civilian traffic in a real emergency. CND and Cruisewatch, apart from trying to exacerbate natural public apprehension, have urged members to stage demos on them or obstruct them. They have published a national map of the routes and there are reasons to believe they would try to obstruct them in an emergency.

They also urge a "telephone blockade" of key Defence numbers, which they have publicised, but the first attempt failed.

I would suggest that despite their wide-eyed protestations of purely anti-nuclear sentiments, much that CND and Cruisewatch are engaged in, despite their lack of real success so far, could pose a fifth-column-type threat to this country in the national emergency we all hope to avoid.

Lord Tonypandy's royal retreat

IN A REMARKABLE personal gesture to his former Welsh tutor, Prince Charles has lent his holiday retreat of Tamaris, the island of Scilly to Lord Tonypandy, the former Speaker, who is recuperating after treatment for throat cancer.

The much-admired Tonypandy, whose cries of "Order, Order" in that distinctive Welsh accent gave Commons broadcasts such a special flavour, is spending his convalescence alone in the four-bedroomed royal bungalow. That, perhaps, is just as well since he is forced to speak as little as possible.

The Scilly Islanders, I'm told, have taken the 75-year-old bachelor to their hearts. In turn the former Speaker has told them that he finds St Mary's "an extraordinary and beautiful place".

The special bond between Prince Charles and Tonypandy was forged when the latter, as George Thomas, Labour member for Cardiff West, gave Welsh lessons to the Prince shortly before his investiture at Caernarvon in 1969.

Representative rudeness

THE MANNERS of members of Parliament are being questioned this week by a Tory MP, John Watson, in their own journal, the House Magazine.

Of 100 MPs who accepted invitations to attend the British nuclear industry's symposium on the last day of the month, only 24 turned up. Twenty sent apologies before the day, 11 on the morning, but nothing was heard of the remaining 46. Some of their hosts had travelled hundreds of miles for the event.

Watson considers their failure to explain their absence particularly unforgivable since they all have secretaries supplied at the taxpayer's expense who could have carried out the modest courtesy on their behalf.

In vino veritas

GIVE JENKINS, general secretary of the white collar union, A.S.T.M.S., and chairman of the T.C.C. education committee, has invited fellow trade unionists to join him in his Camden Road office next week for a wine

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diary used to feature an excellent vintage chart, plays fair by his union brothers and adds: "However, this is not a purely educational occasion. Frankly it is a Christmas frivolity."

New broom

FROM THE NATO headquarters in Brussels I hear that Lord Carrington, the new Secretary-General, has lost little time in making his presence felt.

Recently he not only rejected a brief for last week's defence ministers conference but called a meeting on Sunday morning — almost unheard of at Nato — to get it right. Indeed I gather Nato staff have now been told to sharpen up on procedures and pay more attention to their written briefs.

But Carrington always the patrician, has not forgotten the first rule of leadership: knowing the staff. He has won considerable respect for getting out and meeting many of the officials and takes an active interest in the various Nato staff associations.

Back to plague

MY NOTE recently about a mysterious plague bought in a sale by a Chichester reader who wanted to find out where it originally came from, elicited a shoal of letters — and has a happy outcome as the plague is now to be returned to its former site.

The plague, bought by Bernard Grad-Udon, referred to a city curfew bell and a gullhall and most correspondents identified the location as Winchester.

A branch of Lloyd's Bank now stands on the site and the manager there, John Oram, has now reached agreement with Grad-Udon to have the plague back. It will be placed in the outer office of the bank, which also still has the old pull for the curfew bell.

Pastoral matters

SIR JOHN WELLS, the Tory MP for Malden, found himself in some difficulty when, during a speech in the Commons, he mentioned the other day, he lamented at the expense of London hotels and said: "I urge overseas visitors to sleep out of London and see some of our local beauties." The House, of course, fell about.

Sir John, a veteran of 25 years at Westminster, countered in a flash: "I remind Right Honourable and Honourable members who are laughing that Charles Dickens made one of his characters say: 'Kent, sir — everybody knows Kent' — applies, cherries, hops and women."

Silent partners

THE ADVENT of European Music Year which I mentioned on Monday, may have prompted a rather conservative and penny-pinching reaction in the funding of the arts. But the

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Tailback

LONDON'S most famous Lord Mayor, Dick Whittington, is apparently not forgotten by one member of the City's Court of Common Council who is proposing that the Guildhall should have its own official cat.

Graham Lounsdale, who is putting the motion at the council meeting on Thursday, also suggests that the cat should be called "Puss," as this was the name, according to his research, of Whittington's famous animal. Well, the pantomime season is upon us.

Off the scent

THE MUD-DRY ANTI-ARTISTS reported last week: "The South Devon Festival meets at Bonhill Gate tomorrow. Black Forest Lodge on Tuesday and Live and Let Live on Thursday."

PETERBOROUGH

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RIDLEY AND MANCHESTER AIRPORT

SIR—Your report on the address in Manchester by the Transport Secretary, Mr Ridley, shows how crassly inadequate has been his briefing by his south country orientated civil servants.

Manchester is not asking for the Government to force airlines to use Manchester; what the Government is being asked to do is to stop preventing airlines from using Manchester.

The response to the application by Singapore International Airlines to use Manchester was to demand an equal cut in services to London. This is a ludicrous suggestion; interlining passengers will certainly prefer London to Manchester and SIA would be daft to accept such an offer.

Can the Ministry really have made this suggestion with a straight face? Would it not have been more honest to have said that the application was refused in the interests of British Airways for whose northern passengers the

shuttle link from Heathrow would have been less attractive?

If intercontinental airlines are to be denied the use of Manchester, northern passengers are forced to interline. An increasing number prefer to use European airports rather than Heathrow. Is this what the Ministry wants to encourage?

Manchester Airport is proving increasingly popular with passengers. The existing capacity of five million will be exceeded this year by more than a million. Market studies show that viable routes from Manchester are being simply by the Ministry's black ball.

The way the Australian Qantas traffic has grown in the direct flights to Manchester demonstrates the potential. Nor is the growth only in passenger traffic; the intercontinental flights by Qantas and Canadian Airlines are fully loaded.

As to Stansted, will the Ministry allow it to compete on equal terms with Manchester? Is the heavy cross-subsidy channeled from Heathrow to continue?

(Clt) W. H. AIKMAN
Leader, City Con. Party,
Manchester Town Hall.

Moral responsibility to obey the law

SIR—Very rightly, the question of law and order has recently been a forefront, as a result of the miners' strike and it has been stressed that it is essential for the continuance of society that all are subject to the law, else the result is anarchy.

It is, therefore, very disturbing to read (Dec. 8) that certain large stores propose opening on Sunday in defiance of the existing laws of the land.

Such is our state today that integrity no longer seems to matter. These corporations control considerable assets and, quite properly, earn considerable profits. Such a position, however, carries a moral responsibility to use their power with integrity and give a lead to the rest of society by a proper observance of the law, not to flout it with contempt merely because a committee has recommended that it be changed.

Surely they can wait for that event to come about?

L. E. WARBURTON
Dover, Kent.

Meat in diet

SIR—I was disappointed by the account in your newspaper (Dec. 4) of a formally structured meeting at which I was invited to speak by the Guild of Agricultural Journalists.

The representatives of the Vegetarian Society indulged in precisely the sort of emotional controversy which they behave apparently correct—gets them disproportionate publicity.

Much of what both Dr. Alan Long, research adviser to the Vegetarian Society and Mrs Rose Elliot, a leading vegetarian writer, said was exaggerated or incorrect and Dr. Long's opening remarks constituted a personally offensive attack on myself containing what he thought was an amusing reference to my company which was incorrect and racist.

Your report quotes from the two vegetarian speakers and makes no mention of the case put forward by either Mr Robert Tyler representing the National Federation of Meat Traders or by myself. It is sad if various groups feel that the only way to achieve publicity is by exaggeration in speech or behaviour. Unless some responsibility is shown over objective reporting of what happens, then the continuation of criminal action and violence which we have experienced will be encouraged.

It is unfair to confuse people who genuinely want to know what is best for them. The Government Committee on Medical Aspects of Food Policy report recommended reducing the fat intake not to eliminate it. Six to eight ounces of lean meat in the daily food programme, together with vegetables, fruit, cereals and an occasional amount of dairy products, provide an interesting, satisfying and balanced diet.

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DONALD REEVES
St James's Rectory,
London, W.1.

Tax on learning

SIR—Even without attending university it is possible to enhance one's knowledge at any time of life by buying books.

A classic example is Sir Winston Churchill who did not do all that well at school or university, education. But when he was a subaltern in India he had books sent out to him and studied in his spare time.

VAT on books would be an assault on self-education which a Conservative Chancellor should dismiss out of hand.

G. B. WOOD
Hove, Sussex.

Freedom of speech as a British right

SIR—Although I do not agree with the political views held by Mr Patrick Harrington, I was disgusted to read that Mrs Frances Morrell of the Inner London Education Authority had even considered his expulsion from the Polytechnic of North London.

The fact that the ILEA has an anti-racist policy should not make it necessary for it to seize upon some other form of prejudice.

Great Britain is a democracy, and its citizens have freedom of speech. Mr Harrington has expressed his views in public, as is his right, and to suggest that for doing so he should be expelled from the college is, in my opinion, a political persecution.

Simply because his views disagree with those of the ILEA is no reason to deny him further education.

NIGEL WHITEHEAD
Winchester.

Work for justice

SIR—Firstly, allow me to thank your Education Staff, Miss Margaret Norman, for a good, clear and unbiased piece of reporting on Dec. 10.

The report by Mr Graham Jones was spoilt by appearing to be an attack on Mrs Frances Morrell. I certainly do not agree with all she either says or does. In the case mentioned, she worked for justice over quite a few months.

Dr David Macdonald suggests he is not politically motivated; he shows his true colours just the same.

ANN HOLROYD
Arnscliffe, Cumbria.

Wrong image of CND

SIR—Having been misquoted in your report (Nov. 29) I was disturbed to read Mr Edward Leigh's comments (Dec. 8) on a remark which I did not make.

It is not my practice to make deceptive statements concerning the political affiliations of members of Scottish CND. Mr Leigh can rest assured that Ian Davidson has never concealed his Communist party membership, nor would I attempt to do so. Ian Davidson is also well known for his consistent opposition to all nuclear weapons, including those of the Soviet Union, and took part in CND's demonstration outside the Soviet Embassy on Dec. 8.

By indulging in the sport of Communist baiting, Mr Leigh conjures up a crude, pro-Soviet, Communist-dominated image for our organisation, which is far removed from reality. An organisation of the type he imagines would not attract me or the thousands of members of differing individual opinions whom I represent.

It could certainly not have become the major pressure group which it is today. Mr Leigh's insinuations are offensive to the small minority of Communists within CND and also to the vast majority of our members who, like myself, have no association with the Communist party.

The campaign for Nuclear Disarmament's unconditional condemnation of all nuclear weapons is clearly laid out in our constitution. Those who accept this principle cannot act as apologists for one side in the nuclear arms race.

It is the opponents of nuclear weapons who adopt double standards, by according one set of arguments to justify their own weapons and denying the validity of the same rationale to others.

MARGARET MORTON
Gen. Sec. Scottish CND
Glasgow.

Compensation terms

SIR—"The Government's privatisation programme will help to remedy the progressively narrower ownership of shares in Britain. In fact, the whole privatisation programme has been a great act of political courage by Mrs Thatcher and her Government."

All the more regretful is it, therefore, to see the Government taken before the European Commission of Human Rights in Strasbourg because they have been unwilling to provide fair compensation as a result of Labour's Aircraft and Shipbuilding Acts of 1977.

The compensation terms were described as "grossly inadequate" by Nigel Lawson, "outright confiscation" by Tom King, "no equity" by Norman Tebbit and "grossly unfair" by Sir Keith Joseph. Michael Heseltine displayed his views by setting the matter in its defence has inevitably struck the put it mildly—hypocritical. Its refusal to settle justly also imperils the future of the privatisation programme.

The Government must go on record as stating that future Conservative Governments will reserve the right adequately to compensate shareholders unjustly treated as a result of acts of re-nationalisation by future Labour Governments.

And secondly, it should settle just compensation out of court for those companies unfairly treated under the so-called Tony Benn Act. After all, the recent Hockington agreement quite properly recognised the rights of citizens to compensation for lawful deprivation.

MICHAEL IVENS
Director, Aims of Industry,
London, W.C.1.

Which comes first?

SIR—Mr Christopher Booker's excellent article on Dr Johnson leaves one with a question unanswered (Dec. 8). Is it character which creates the personality or personality which moulds the character?

(Mrs) STELLA LUDLAM
Chadderton, Lancs.

Fiasco costs IRA an Army Council man and key arms buyer

10 years for gun-runners of the Marita Ann

By KENNETH CLARKE in Dublin

THREE IRA gun-runners went to jail last night for 10 years, trapped by a classic international security operation which caught them red-handed on board the trawler Marita Ann with the biggest IRA arsenal ever recovered.

Operation Leprechaun had everything — an informer, MI 5, the CIA, high technology surveillance in mid-Atlantic, and ultimately a midnight ambush by the Irish Navy.

It not only cost the Provisionals the seven tons of arms, and the £1,500,000 which paid for them in America.

Yesterday it also cost them the services of Martin Ferris, a member of its ruling Army Council, and John Patrick Crawley, a former United States Marine and a key arms buyer who had purchased the trawler's cargo.

They were jailed at Dublin's anti-terrorism Special Criminal Court, together with Michael Browne, 42-year-old skipper of the Marita Ann and a veteran Republican.

'Suffering would be incalculable'

They were convicted after a two-week trial at the no-jury court of illegal arms possession. Two other men — John McCarthy, 26, and Gavin Mortimer, 25, both from Fenit, Co Kerry — were given five-year suspended sentences.

They were crewmen on the Marita Ann, and it was claimed they had no idea of its mission when it sailed for rendezvous with 300 miles off the Irish coast with an ocean-going trawler which had brought the arms from the United States.

Mr Justice James McMahon said: "Ferris, Crawley and Browne had admitted in unsworn statements their involvement. They said the arms were not for use in the Irish Republic. But how the arms were used was a matter they would have had no control over whatever. Had the arms been satisfactorily transmitted to their destination it would be impossible to conceive the amount of suffering they might have caused," the judge said.

"IRA supporters in the public gallery shouted: 'Up the Provins' as the three were led away, giving a clenched fist salute. But it has been impossible for the Provisionals to conceal the enormous scope of the setback which deprived them of 160 guns—including 90 Armalite rifles, carbines, pump-action shotguns, and machine-guns—along with Korean-made hand grenades, rockets, night sights, telescopic sights, 71,000 rounds of ammunition and survival gear.

Watchful eyes of Irish police

Operation Leprechaun had its beginnings in late summer, when local police in West Cork and County Kerry, a hot-bed of subversives, noticed increased activity among known Republicans.

The ports of Ardara and Ballyvaughan were put under surveillance. Then information came in that this upsurge in movement was linked to a likely shipment of arms from America.

The tip came from U.S. Customs via the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Interpol, of the Irish police and the British security services.

A trawler called the Valhalla had put to sea from Boston. An informer told American officials that arms were on board. It was setting a course for Ireland.

Immediately, a joint naval-police task force was assembled as the Irish naval base in Cork, under Det. Insp. Patrick Ryan and Lt-Comdr Brian Farrell, who was in overall command.

Three Irish Navy patrol vessels, half the country's fleet, with armed police on board, put out to sea on Sept. 24 in bad weather, to take up positions within the three-mile limit.

The operation was so secret that Insp. Ryan, told to report to Cork, thought it was a routine fishery protection sortie.

A Republican puts to sea

Lt-Comdr Farrell, aboard the 872-tonne Emer, received a signal that Michael Browne, a well-known expert seaman and known Republican, had taken to sea from the fishing port of Fenit.

Then British Intelligence began relaying information received via Interpol about the Valhalla's movements. The Americans were using spy high-orbiting "keyhole" satellite capable, with its telescopic room lens, picking out objects of less than 20cm in width.

It was clear that it would watch at night, and the precise movements of the Valhalla were relayed to earth. It is also said that a submarine was shadowing the gun-runner.



The three IRA gun-runners who were each jailed for 10 years in Dublin yesterday. From left: John Crawley, Michael Browne and Martin Ferris.

DRUG FIRM 'HYSTERIA' ATTACKED

By DAVID FLETCHER Health Services Correspondent

DOCTORS and the pharmaceutical industry were condemned as "hysterical" yesterday, for their men's proposals to limit the number of drugs doctors may prescribe.

In an attack on critics of the proposals, Mr. Clarke, Health Minister, said the pharmaceutical industry was spending hundreds of thousands of pounds on advertising opposing the scheme.

They have claimed that important drugs not affected by the proposals will be banned. It is tactics of this sort which have brought the industry's promotional activities into such disrepute.

The British Medical Association, an advising family doctors to spread a distorted view of the scheme to their patients. That cannot be in anybody's interest.

Addressing a dinner at the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators at the Guildhall, he said the fact was that the Government was taking a simple step to cut out wasteful and expensive use of some of the most minor drugs on the market.

"What we are doing will not affect the more important or lifesaving drugs at all. We are dealing here only with things like cough remedies, laxatives, tonics and tranquilisers.

"I simply do not see why the NHS should pay for every product which every manufacturer puts on the market whatever the cost.

"For the groups of minor drugs we have specified there will be a range of drugs available sufficient to meet all clinical needs. They will be safe, effective and reasonably priced. The list will contain everything which is really needed."

Thatcher criticism

OUR PARLIAMENTARY STAFF writes: Mrs Thatcher joined in criticism in the Commons yesterday of doctors who have backed the campaign of drug companies against the Government's move to make greater use of generic drugs in the National Health Service.

She said the "fully endorsed" remarks by Mr Robert McCrindle (C., Brentwood and Ongar), who criticised drug companies for saying that the Government's "limited move into generic prescribing was calculated to create two levels of health service."

LESBIAN LOSES FIGHT FOR TENANCY

Mary Simpson, a lesbian, failed in her appeal Court fight yesterday to regain tenancy of a council house she shared with her late lover as a "bush and wife."

Lord Justice Watkins said that even in the enlightened 1980s he did not think public opinion had changed so much as to regard two lesbians living together as husband and wife and refused to overturn a County Court ruling that she had no legal right to take over the tenancy of the house as the surviving "spouse."

In September, 1981, Miss Simpson moved in to the two-bedroom council home with Mrs Margaret Rodger, a Kennington Road, Haringey, York-shire. She claimed that under the 1980 Housing Act she should be declared part of the family and entitled to take over the tenancy.

LIVINGSTONE'S CRITICISM

Mr Kenneth Livingstone's comments about the leaders of the Board of Deputies of British Jews being "reactionaries and neo-Fascists," reported yesterday, were originally carried in the weekly newspaper, DAVAR HASAVIVA.

The paper is owned and published by the Israeli Labour Federation, Histadrut, the equivalent of the TUC.

DETECTIVE STOLE

Stephen Read, 28, a temporary detective constable at Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, was sentenced to 15 months' jail, suspended for two years, yesterday at St Albans Crown Court, for pocketing £57 he had recovered from a theft. He is no longer in the force.

Error in duke's trust put millions at risk

By ROBERT BEDLOW Estates Correspondent

THE Duke of Somerset's solicitor, while under "immense pressure of work," almost cost the family a multi-million-pound claim in Capital Transfer Tax on the estate following the death of the 19th Duke last month.

Mr Peter Robin Fitzgerald made an error in drawing up a trust fund created by the DOWAGER DUCHESS OF SOMERSET.

As a result, trust income which she intended for her two-year-old grandson would have gone to the present Duke, his father, the High Court was told yesterday.

The Duke would have been liable to heavy CTT if he had tried to transfer the interest back to his son.

Problem solved

To solve the problem the Dowager Duchess asked the court to approve rectification of the trust deed. In a sworn statement she said she had never intended the trust to benefit her son, who succeeded the title.

Giving his approval, Deputy Judge Julian Jerris, Q.C., said there had been an understandable mistake which had not reflected the intentions of the Dowager Duchess.

He did so after Mr Fitzgerald, in a written statement, admitted his mistake, adding: "I was under immense pressure of work at the time."

His error had gone unnoticed until it was pointed out to him by a tax inspector, as the late Duke's will was being processed for probate.

Under the amended deed the grandson, now Lord Sebastian Seymour and direct heir to the dukedom, will get 60 per cent of the income from the trust, with the remaining 40 per cent to two other members of the family.

Ancient dukedom

The Somerset dukedom, created in 1546, is second in seniority only to the dukedom of Norfolk, dating from 1483.

The late Duke, who died at the age of 74, inherited the title from his father in 1934, and a tax-free gift of him thousands of acres of land in Wiltshire and Devon.

Capital Transfer Tax is still expected to be heavy when the late Duke's will is sent for probate, and further inroads may be made on the estate.

Land of visiting son ... in South Wales

By GRAHAM JONES

THE Japanese electrical firm Hitachi moved yesterday to quash suggestions that it was operating a "life ends before 40" policy after asking for redundancies at its South Wales factory for those over 35.

In a letter to all employees at the Hirwaun colour TV plant near Aherdare, the company said older workers were slow, prone to sickness, had poor eyesight and were more resistant to change.

It invited "old-timers" in their late 30s and above among the 800-strong workforce to take a £1,800 redundancy payment and make way for young blood and workers leaving school.

Hitachi quoted its rival, Toshiba, in Plymouth, whose workers have an average age of 24, but denied yesterday that it was inspired "purge" to get rid of older employees and replace them with youngsters.

Mr Toor Pegge, deputy executive manager for personnel at the Hitachi factory, who is 42, said the Japanese firm was inspired "purge" to get rid of older employees and replace them with youngsters.

Age balance He said only 20 redundancies had been sought to restore the age balance and five of them forward so far, five of them offering to give up their jobs to teenage offspring.

"The reason we chose 35 was that between that age and 40 people have teenage sons and daughters," he said. "We were not seeking any compulsory redundancies. We would have been embarrassed if there had been a large response."

Mr Emyln Jenkins, 50, area full-time official with the electricians' union EEPVU, in Cardiff, said his union, which had sole bargaining rights at the Hitachi plant, was not completely happy at the arrangement, but it was an offer to individuals, with no compulsory redundancies.

Hostile reaction

The company, since it became wholly Japanese run in March after a partnership arrangement with C.E.C. had introduced changes to the good including a new canteen and sales staff of discounted electrical goods.

LIMIT ON BEGINNER OVERTURE

By KEITH NURSE Arts Correspondent

EQUITY, the actors' union, has voted to continue its strongly contested policy of restricting entry of newcomers to the theatre through a quota system.

The referendum produced its largest number of votes on a single issue in a ballot, with 4,005 in favour of maintaining controls, and 3,498 against.

Those pressing for abolition included such prominent stage figures as Dame Peggy Ashcroft, Paul Eddington, Joan Plowright and Albert Finney. A major and expensive campaign for change had been mounted in recent months.

Under the quota system, which has existed for 15 years, subsidised repertory companies can give two acting places a year and one assistant stage manager post to newcomers. Four acting positions and one ASM are allowed to commercial repertories.

In 1983, through this source, 363 became members of Equity, though the number of newcomers to the union generally was approaching 3,000, most of them entering by way of the club and variety sectors, where no controls or closed shop procedures exist.

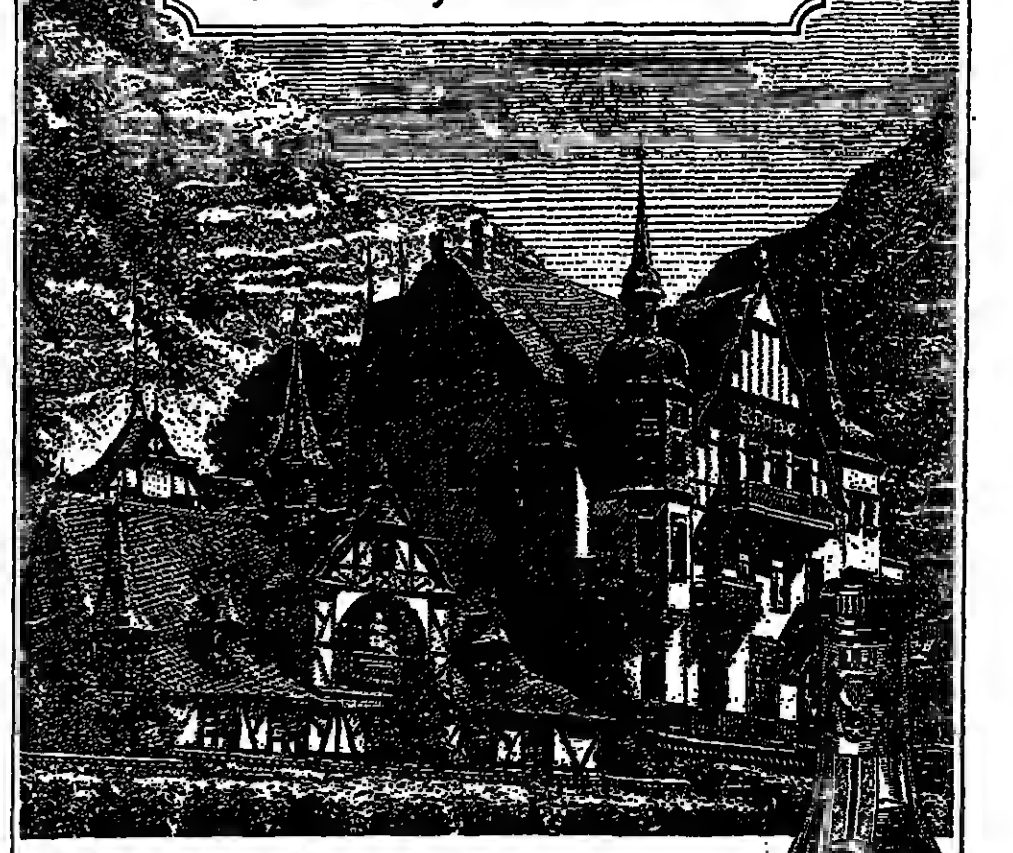
75 p.c. jobless

Equity has 32,000 members, 75 per cent of whom can be unemployed at any one time. Without the agreements, theatre managements would be able to take on an unlimited number of newcomers.

Opinion on the issue seems to have cut across the normal "party political" lines within the union.

The main opposition group on Equity's governing council, Centre Forward, said last night it had not been panicked into opening its doors.

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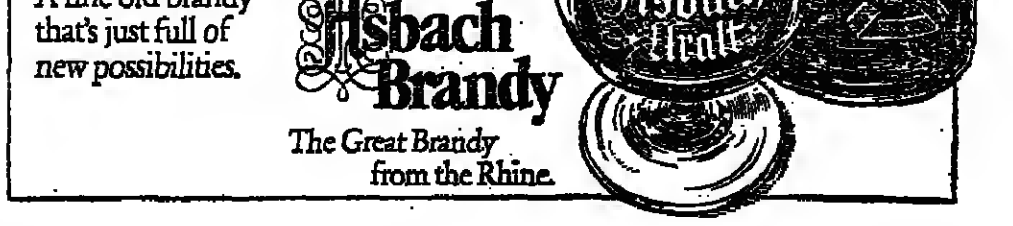


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Brazil likely to devalue

THESE are strong indications that a major devaluation of the Brazilian cruzeiro may take place soon.

Despite denials of the National Monetary Fund and of constant comments from various authorities that fresh tranches of 50,000 cruzeiros notes may be supplied soon.

Apparently the Brazilian mint in Rio de Janeiro has prepared an issue of 100,000 cruzeiro banknotes, on which the three last zeros will be cut off.

McCarthy rights

SPECIALIST retirement home builder McCarthy & Stone is making a rights issue of £16.7m of 5 p.p. convertible stock, 1989/2004, at par value, meeting the needs of the company's expansion of residential care and nursing homes.

Turnover in the year to August 31 increased from £13m to £21.6m and pre-tax profits surged from £3.68m to £8.81m. The dividend is effectively increased from 1.5p to 2.15p a share with a final of 1.6p payable February 23.

The current year has started well and the board look forward to the future "with considerable confidence".

Question—P21

IC Gas flares

IMPERIAL Continental Gas Association has pushed interim results to Sept. 30 up from a £1.07m loss to an almost £12m profit. This is thanks almost entirely to the disposal of the group's interests in the Maureen North Sea oilfield which started producing in the second half of the year.

The interim dividend of 5.5p net, against 4p, is payable on Feb. 11.

Question—P21

Aisher to retire

JACK AINSWORTH, 74, is to retire as chairman of Marley, the building products group, at the company's annual meeting on May 10. Mr. Aisher succeeded his elder brother and joint founder of the company, Sir Owen Aisher, in 1981.

He is to be succeeded as chairman by Sir Robert Clark, who joined the company in July. Williams Courtenay, the group's joint deputy chairman, also intends to retire from the board at the annual meeting for "personal reasons".

Barlow in talks

MERGE TALKS are on between Barlow Holdings and Majestic Investments, two investment groups whose stock market value is around £50m. Barlow Holdings are in exchange for shares in Majestic on the basis of asset values or for cash at a discount to asset value.

Cash will be available to a limited extent and, if elections are received for more than this limit, will be scaled down.

Prior's post

JAMES PRIOR, who resigned as Secretary of State for Northern Ireland in September, is to join the board of Sainsbury on January 1. Since moving to the back benches Mr. Prior has taken up the chairmanship of General Electric Company and rejoined the board of United Biscuits.

Superdrug expands:

SUPERDRUG, on target for 211 stores by the end of this year, is planning to open at least 40 more in 1985. Next year will see the opening of a second distribution centre which, the company says, will enable it to serve more than 500 branches.

Oceonics Group

OCEONICS GROUP is selling a number of ROVs (remotely operated vehicles) and related assets to SeaCon Services for £2.5m.

Oceonics will continue to offer underwater services, concentrating on technical development and marketing of underwater equipment and has entered into a co-operation agreement with SeaCon relating to the provision of SeaCon ROV services.

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HAMPTON TRUST, the London-based property and natural resources group, is paying £2.8m for the five-unit shopping centre at Leigh Park, Havant, Hampshire.

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Price war if oil cheapens warns Yamani

By ROLAND GRIBBEN

NERVOUSNESS in the oil market increased yesterday as Sheikh Yamani, the Saudi Arabian oil minister, warned a price war would develop if North Sea charges dropped again.

Spot market prices eased further, Norway reaffirmed it was attempting to take a back seat until the dust settled and Mr. Buchanan-Smith, Energy Minister, made it plain the Government wanted to wait until "uncertainties" had cleared before deciding on changes in the North Sea price structure.

The discount between spot and official prices for North Sea oil widened again with Brent oil on offer at \$27.25 a barrel for delivery next month, compared to the \$28.65 price set by the British National Oil Corporation.

Reports that the State trading body was offering discounts produced another tremble for the day 40 points down in thin trading at \$1.1985. The trade weighted average eased 0.1 to 74.7.

B.N.O.C. strongly denied that it was giving secret discounts but intensive discussions are still under way about switching the basis of contracts from a quarterly system to a new formula where prices are set more closely to spot market levels.

The warning from Sheikh Yamani was being interpreted as another attempt to prevent a fundamental North Sea change that would have international repercussions and add to the pressure on the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries to reduce prices.

Sheikh Yamani said that any

changes by North Sea producers would "open the door for a price war" and would also cost other oil producers a tremendous amount of money.

Saudi Arabia is against any reduction in the basic Opec price of \$29 a barrel for light oil but is supporting moves for an increase in the price of heavier grades which have been selling at a premium.

The outcome of the Opec ministerial meeting later this month was one of the factors cited yesterday by Mr. Buchanan-Smith when he spent 90 minutes answering questions about why B.N.O.C. needed \$45 million to cover spot market trading losses.

He was "let in" lightly by members of the Commons Select Committee on Energy about the changes now under discussion on the way North Sea prices are set.

But he reaffirmed that B.N.O.C. would not be scrapped, and left MPs with the firm impression that the Prime Minister's office, as well as the Energy Department, is carrying out reviews into the North Sea price structure.

He said the corporation had a role to smooth short-term market fluctuations even if it meant incurring trading losses. He denied he had intervened to twist the arm of oil companies and head off pressure for an oil-price cut in the summer.

Mr. Buchanan-Smith said about price changes in the summer he expected until the turn of the year but the outlines of a market-related policy are already in place.

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FINANCIAL markets had braced themselves for some disappointing money supply figures in banking November but the 2.4 p.p. surge in broad money last month — far higher than the worst expectations — left them winded, and not a little baffled and apprehensive.

The Bank of England described the increase — the biggest monthly jump in sterling M3 since the abolition of the so-called corset controls on bank lending in July 1980 — as "erratically high", blaming a massive build-up of liquidity in the banks in advance of the British Telecom flotation.

But market concern yesterday was centred on the £2.6 billion of public borrowing, only partially offset by a respectable £1.5 billion of government debt sales.

Glits ended the day £2.1 lower, having gained up to £2.1 earlier in the day. While the news took the edge off share-buying enthusiasm, for the moment at least there is no question of any general rise in interest rates.

Since the start of the latest target period in February sterling M3 has risen at an annual rate of 12.4 p.p., well above the 6 to 10 p.p. target range, against 9.3 p.p. in October. Narrow money, Mo, however, which is given equal weight in the Government's interest-rate decisions and was unaffected by the BT sale, remains well within its target band. But the mood in the City has not been improved by warnings that British Telecom distortions are likely to affect the money growth figures for the December and January banking months, including Mo.

According to the Bank of England, the evidence suggests that the £1.7 billion of new bank lending last month was swollen by a "substantial" increase in deposits in readiness for the BT sale in late November. This may also provide some explanation of the surprisingly high figure for state borrowing, as prospective investors delayed paying rates and other taxes to finance their applications.

Because the BT issue was heavily oversubscribed much of the growth in deposits is likely to

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Money markets taken aback by gusting M3

be unwound early next year. State finances will also be improved by the proceeds of the BT sale in banking December and accelerated VAT payments on imports in banking January. So there is no reason why the money supply should not come back on track once more.

But the City may now want something more tangible than reasonable expectations to restore its equilibrium. Holding market confidence in the run-up to the Budget may prove a trickier task than the Chancellor bargained for.

Equities blown off course

THE MONEY SUPPLY figures did just enough damage to market sentiment yesterday afternoon to prevent the Financial Times 30 share index recording yet another all-time high. After being 4.3 higher at 1 p.m. and at 2 p.m. the index slipped to close 0.2 below the previous peak on Monday night. But the London market is still displaying an astonishing resilience for an indicator which is meant to anticipate events six to 12 months ahead in an economic recovery which by conventional standards is well past the mature stage.

The all-share index has doubled since the bottom of the last bear market 38 months ago and although two of the last three bull markets produced a larger percentage gain, the current upswing has comfortably outlasted the 30-month bull market which ended in April 1979.

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Privatising insolvency

THE Government, in keeping with other recent moves, is about to privatise the company insolvency industry. Under the provisions of the Insolvency Bill, published yesterday, companies facing financial troubles will have three major voluntary options, to redress matters. If their boards allow things to get bad enough to result in a court winding-up, the personal consequences for directors could be very painful indeed.

The major change, as expected, is the introduction of a "halfway-house" stage, in which an administrator would take charge of the management on behalf of creditors and, in return, creditors would agree to a 12-month moratorium on debts. This would be a toughened-up version of the pro-

ductive "Chapter 11" bankruptcies in the United States and should indicate that the company had, at least a fighting chance of recovery.

If that is not feasible, then the company could go either into normal receivership, with expanded rights for unsecured creditors under the new law, or voluntary liquidation. And receivers and liquidators will have to be properly licensed and bonded, as proposed by the Cork committee on insolvency reform on whose recommendations the report is largely based.

If none of these options is selected, and compulsory winding-up becomes necessary, all directors concerned will be disqualified automatically from holding boardroom posts for three years. That sentence will be suspended for three months during which period a director can apply for it to be lifted on one of three specified grounds. He can show that he did call for appropriate and timely action; that proceedings for voluntary liquidation had already begun, or that he had been on the board for three months or less.

Several bodies, including the CBI, maintain that these are insufficient grounds for relief and the automatic disqualification will penalise many of the innocent directors with the rescue. Mr. Fletcher, Corporate and Consumer Affairs Minister, says the provisions judge the "fitness" of directors to direct.

The disqualification measures may be further adjusted, but their general import, together with the risk of loss of the protection of limited liability if "wrongful trading" is proved in court, could do much to remind directors to monitor corporate danger signals. The result could be both the saving of the endangered company and the prevention of much damage to its creditors.

Disappointments in the Bill include the predictable government decision not to modify the pre-eminence of its own departments as company creditors and the fact that the wrongful trading provision itself looks a little too general to be of practical use. The first test cases should be very interesting.

Institutions mop up Telecom shares

BRITISH TELECOM shares were bought up by new peak yesterday as tens of thousands of small investors joined in the profit-taking rush after receiving their formal allotment letters in the morning post.

The shares closed 1p up at 96.5p after ranging between 94p and 97.5p during the day, just on the opening trading day last Monday.

Stockbrokers reported a huge volume of business with institutions ready to snap up all the small amounts of stock left by private investors moved into the market.

An estimated 15 million to 20 million shares were traded in small packets ranging from 200 up to the maximum allocation of 800 p.p. share holders decided to go for the profit on the down payment price of 50p rather than hang on for the telephone bill discount voucher or bonus share perks.

But stockbrokers were insisting on having the allotment letters in hand before handling deals for new clients. Many decided to take the letters by hand to City offices while others quickly put them in the post.

The rush to sell on the first official trading day for the small investor is a blow to Government hopes that the Telecom flotation would provide the basis for wider share ownership.

The temptation of a sizeable profit was too great to resist for many first time and professional investors.

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New rules for Lloyd's auditors

UNDER NEW requirements for auditors of Lloyd's syndicates introduced yesterday, members will not be able to nominate the firm of accountants they want, challenge the auditors' appointment, or quiz them on the quality of their work.

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COMPANIES

Carlton Comm. calls for £13.2m

CARLTON Communications yesterday reported pre-tax profits for the year to end-September 1984 of £13.2m, and asked shareholders for £13.2m by way of a one-for-one rights issue at 485p.

Most of the money is to be used to buy a Californian company, Abekas Video Systems, which makes a complementary range of digital video products. Abekas will cost £12.8m, out of which £11m will be in cash. For its first half to end Sept, the American company reported pre-tax profits of \$608,000 on turnover of \$2.1m, but it is forecasting a loss of at least \$2m for the year as a whole.

A final dividend of 4.05p, makes a total of 6p for the year, an increase of 3p p.c. The shares rose 65p to 550p.

A B Engineering

ASSOCIATED British Engineering which was £682,000 in the red in the closing months of 1983-84, has lost a further £915,000 in the opening half of this time compared with a £384,000 pre-tax profit.

It expects however to trade at around break-even in the second half and to return to profit in 1985.

All three divisions lost money with distribution swinging from an operating profit of £553,000 to a £208,000 deficit. This however was partly due to action taken to redress margin problems.

With a loss of £85p (earnings 1.85p) there is no interim (0.55p) but no final.

A-R Television

BET member A-R Television has turned round from an opening half pre-tax profit of £1.07m to a £280,000 loss.

Sharply increased losses of £1.04m against £287,000 incurred by associate Thames Television.

The associate's results were adversely affected by industrial disputes and will be reflected in its full-year profits, the group warns.

An industrial dispute in the last time—being omitted.

Berkeley Group

BERKELEY GROUP's first set of interim results shows the U.S.M. in July shows record pre-tax profits of £806,000 on turnover of £7.5m.

Normally, two-thirds of this housebuilder's unit sales fall in the second half, but the current year, is expected to show a more balanced sales pattern.

Earnings came out at 5.2p and the forecast 1.2p interim dividend is payable 1p, 15.

ICI Australia

FULL year set attributable profits from ICI Australia have jumped from A\$24.1m to A\$64.1m on turnover of A\$1.48bn.

Profits rose after lower interest charges of A\$12.74m (A\$50.5m) but before net extraordinary profits of A\$12.3m (loss A\$54.0m).

Earnings are up from 12 cents to 29 cents on the capital increased by three issues and the final dividend stands at 9 cents on March 1 for a 16 cents (15 cents) total.

Inn Leisure

INN Leisure Group, the public house and wine bar operator quoted on the LSE, has had another record year for pre-tax profits are up by over 77 p.c. from £538,000 to £954,000 on turnover of £27.2m ahead of £27.4m.

The board says the year raised by last year's £1.5m one-for-four rights issue materially assisted in the acquisition of new operations and the current year should see the full benefit from them.

There is a same again 0.42p dividend from earnings of 2.05p (1.56p).

Lake & Elliot

LAKE AND ELLIOT, the engineering and foundry group, is back in the black. Opening half pre-tax losses were cut from £1.15m to £254,000, and in the second it went on to profits of £983,000 for a full-year outturn of £451,000 against a £1.28m loss.

Profits were struck after lower interest charges of £355,000 (£545,000), redundancy costs of £241,000 (£482,000) and other operating expenses £3.15m (£4.88m).

There are earnings this time of 4.5p (losses 12.8p) but again no dividend—the last payment was a 1p interim in 1982.

The board says that although there has been a healthy improvement in the group's financial situation it has decided the decision to resume dividends until next year.

McCorquodale

McCORQUODALE, the international specialist printers and Britain's leading chequebook supplier, has had a record year for pre-tax profits 11 p.c. ahead at £8.1m (£7.31m).

It has taken accounting changes and strong performance, however, to enable it to maintain its recent unbroken growth record.

Redundancy charges associated with the cheque taking plant in chequebook printing have previously been charged above the line, but this time £800,000 of related costs for 1983-84 has been included in a £2.2m provision below the line.

The group has invested heavily in new technology across the

board and, although the opening half of the current year is likely to continue to be affected by its cheque printing activities, the benefit of this is expected to show through thereafter.

McLeod Russel

A STRONG GROWTH in earnings is reported by plantation to property group McLeod Russel for the 18 months to Sept. 30.

The pre-tax profit is £12.8m and compares with £4.94m for the previous 12 months, while earnings for the period came out at £8.83p against last year's adjusted 8.27p.

The group has started the new year well and against this background is paying a 4.5p final dividend Feb. 14 for an 11.3p 6.5p (adjusted) total. The is also a one-for-three scrip issue.

A £24m extraordinary deficit relates mainly to losses on the interest in the retail shopping centre at Baytown, Houston.

Meyer International

A MARGINAL fall in the housing industry's workload is one factor behind the dip in opening half pre-tax profits of Meyer International from £18.9m to 16.1m. It meant a lower demand for the company's products and more competitive conditions, bringing trading profit down £1.1m to £18.5m.

The contribution from asset sales was also lower at £225,000 (£285,000), and the share from related companies was back from £10.5m to £10.0m. Borrowings, however, continued to fall so that interest charges were £339,000 lower.

The interim, too, is up, from 1.65p to 1.8p, payable Feb. 11, and the forecast for the full year is still a surplus, somewhat similar to 1983-84.

Plaxtons

WEIGHING in with as fore-shaded pre-tax profits of £1.98m (£2.92m) for the year ended September, Plaxtons (LSE) adds a caution on the prospects this time for the earnings of its coachbuilding side.

An industrial dispute was not resolved until October so the number of coaches available for sale in the early part of the current season was considerably reduced. Moreover to make up for the loss of production, additional labour has been taken on and overtime worked and the competition is more severe. The 1983-84 final is 5p maintaining the total 4.3p in earnings of 10p (equal to 7.9p).

Smith & Nephew

SMITH & Nephew Associated Companies, the wide-ranging medical products group, has weighed in with pre-tax profits of £27.6m, against £20.1m, for the year ended Sept. 30.

Sales to third parties advanced from £245.9m to £278.3m. Profits were after lower interest charges of £2.55m (£2.97m) and attributable profits from related companies were up from £4.23m (£2.75m).

The acquisitions of the remaining part of Smith & Nephew Iberica, Barcelona, to complete the group's ownership of H. M. Cole, Montreal, have been completed. The cost of these acquisitions totalled £6.5m.

Wolves & Dudley

PROFITS and dividend growth at Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries continue for the group has had another record year. Pre-tax profits are up from £12.5m to £13.5m and the interim dividend is raised from 6.85p to 7.8p with a 5.05p final on Dec. 17 from earnings of 25.9p (20.9p). Turnover advanced from £89.4m to £94.1m.

The company has strengthened its market position in the West Midlands and expanded into Cheshire, Manchester, Leicester, Shire and Bristol. Between October and Christmas the group will have acquired five new outlets and opened eight brand new public houses.

Board looks forward to continued progress both in volume and profits.

IN BRIEF

Wyndham Engineering: First half pre-tax profit £25,000 (£24,000). Turnover £647,000 (£643,000). Eps 2.25p (3.58p). As usual, no interim dividend.

Strong order book. Smith Whitworth: First half pre-tax profit £130,800 (loss £23,700). Turnover £2.41m (£2.78m). Eps 5.22p (loss 0.71p). As usual, no interim dividend. Order book remains reasonably good.

Frederick Cooper: Full year pre-tax profit £452,500 (£423,700). Turnover £20.5m (£19.2m). Eps 8.8p (14.8p). Extraordinary profits of £153,800 (£278,300), including deferred tax adjustment. First dividend 1.24p (1.77p) to 1.85p.

Widened Rotherford Scott: First half pre-tax profit £785,000 (£724,000). Turnover £12.6m (£12.1m). Eps 2.78p (2.50p). Interim dividend 0.75p (usual to 0.82p). New business gains gives confidence for continued growth.

Arncliffe & Rhodes: First half pre-tax profit £85,000 (loss £9,000). Turnover £4.47m (£4.13m). Interim dividend 1.11p (usual to 1.1p). Weaving orders at highest level for 12 months.

Abekas: First half pre-tax profit £254,000 (£258,000). Turnover £3.4m (£2.21m). Eps 1.54p (1.25p). No interim dividend but 0.0 p.c. of already forecast. Strong second half expected.

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High	Low						
122	121	Ass. B.C. Ind. Ord.	135d	19.0	7.0	5.7	6.9
121	120	Ass. B.C. Ind. C.U.S.	135d	19.0	7.0	5.7	6.9
73	72	Air-bring Group	11	3.9	1.0	13.5	22.1
42	41	Armstrong & Rhodes	135d	3.4	8.0	5.1	1.5
121	120	Burdock Hill	44	3.5	8.0	5.1	1.5
73	72	Bury Technologies	113	12.0	15.0	—	—
291	290	CCL Ordinary	113d	3.7	10.7	—	—
121	120	CCL 11 p.c. Conv. Pref.	60	10.1	12.5	—	—
84	83	Carborundum Ord.	113d	10.1	12.5	—	—
121	120	Carborundum 7.5 p.c. Pref.	113d	10.1	12.5	—	—
219	218	Cinico Group	60	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0
219	218	Deborah Services	60	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0
240	239	Frank Horrell	12	8.0	15.4	—	—
205	204	Frank Horrell Pr. Ord. 37	26	4.3	15.4	—	—
59	58	Frederick Parker	30	2.7	9.0	8.2	8.9
39	38	George Blair	30	2.7	9.0	8.2	8.9
218	217	Ind. Precision Castings	200	12.0	14.0	9.0	9.7
121	120	Isis Group	118	12.0	14.0	9.0	9.7
253	252	Jackson Group	55	12.0	14.0	9.0	9.7
52	51	James Burroughs	100	15.0	16.1	29.6	45.5
71	70	John Burroughs & Co. Prof.	120	15.0	16.1	29.6	45.5
147	146	Lingaphone Ord.	100	15.0	16.1	29.6	45.5
100	99	Lingaphone 10.8 p.c. Pref.	50	15.0	16.1	29.6	45.5
120	119	Minihouse Holding N.V.	50	15.0	16.1	29.6	45.5
176	175	Robert Jenkins	30	15.0	16.1	29.6	45.5
120	119	Scrubbers A	81	15.0	16.1	29.6	45.5
120	119	Torday & Carlisle	50	15.0	16.1	29.6	45.5
144	143	Trevian Holdings	30	15.0	16.1	29.6	45.5
26	25	Unidock Holdings	25	15.0	16.1	29.6	45.5
92	91	Walter Alexander	25	15.0	16.1	29.6	45.5
178	177	W. Yates	226	15.0	16.1	29.6	45.5

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- ◆ Share price increased to 145p—up 35.5%
- ◆ Earnings per share increased to 3.52p—up 7.3%
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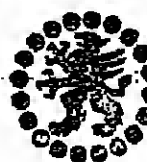
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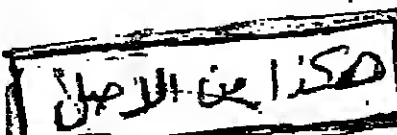
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McCarthy strength in frail

SOONER or later retirement homes specialist McCarthy & Stone was bound to meet the problem of what to do with its residents who become too old and frail to live alone, albeit with a warden on the premises.

The answer, residential care and nursing homes, not only solves the problem but also promises to provide the company with the next phase of growth.

The company already has two such schemes about to get into the construction phase, which should be operative by next July. Four more are planned on sites already identified.

At a cost of around £1 million a time, such schemes do not come cheaply. They increase the capital intensity of the business and take it into an area of management which, if not entirely unknown, is a substantial extension of its existing trade.

But if it can get it right, the rewards are likely to be very impressive, and the market is enormous.

To fund the move into residential care and nursing homes, the company is raising a £16.7 million convertible loan stock through a rights issue at par.

Shareholders should have no hesitation in subscribing.

Even without the new ventures, growth is running at an annual rate of about 80 p.c. In the year to August 31, profits have increased from £2.68 million to £6.81 million before tax on sales of £175.7 million.

The group has been stepping up its pace of operations through the development of a regional structure, and is working on a 3,000 unit programme. Current year completions could emerge around 1,500 and profit margins, despite some other

builders moving gingerly into the market, are being maintained.

McCarthy is hoping to turn the competition to advantage by offering both construction management services and long-term "care" management to companies which balk at the idea of ongoing responsibility.

On the basis of current projections, group profits look on course for around £11 million to £12 million, up from £8.5 million at 210p, on a prospective price-earnings ratio of around 15 times.

Given the growth prospects, that is not outrageous and current buyers are unlikely to be disappointed. The one worry is that McCarthy's position in the business of caring for the elderly inevitably gives it a high profile, and memories of Barrett's brush with a hostile television programme are still fresh.

Waddington a long-term hold

ODDBALL bid tactics employed by British Printing and Communications Corporation for Waddington — one bid, no extension, no increase, take it or leave it — have left the bidder at a profound disadvantage as the offer draws to a close.

Given another couple of weeks, Waddington's price might have drifted lower, possibly even below the 500p which B.P.C.C. is offering. But the offer closes tomorrow at 3 p.m. and it is most unlikely to be successful.

B.P.C.C. forecast — or rather made a "best estimate" — that Waddington would make £5.5

million for the current year to March 1985. Waddington's own forecast is slightly better, in both quantity and quality, at £5.7 million.

On forecast earnings, B.P.C.C. is offering an exit multiple of 8.7 times with no alternative terms which would allow investors to defer capital gains tax. The exit value is just short of 7 p.c.

B.P.C.C. can argue that without its bid Waddington shares would fall back, and it is probably right. But since the share price is still 20p ahead of the bid price the fall is unlikely to take the shares much below the 500p level.

There is a fear that a disposal of the 23 p.c. stake held by the B.P.C.C. camp would undermine the price, but again, the downside to the shares is limited by the earnings and dividend projections.

Investors in for the short term should, nevertheless, sell their stake in the market. The time with a longer perspective should hold steady. None need accept the offer.

That does, however, raise the question of where the B.P.C.C. acquisition machine will stop next. Could it be eyeing cheque-printer, McCord & Co., which produced results with a surprisingly beneficial impact on the shares yesterday?

Maureen makes it all worthwhile

INTERIM pre-tax profits of almost £12 million, against a loss of £1.07 million, prove that Maureen really is the love to the life of Imperial Continental Gas.

The Maureen North Sea oil field, which started to produce in the second half of last year,

has again provided the main uplift to profits, this time for the first six months to September 30.

Production from Maureen, as well as the initial income from the group's interests in the Forties field, can take most of the credit for the half-year boost, but the company has also benefited from improvements at Calor and CompAir.

Margins on the Calor side have been substantially improved as cost savings have filtered through from an ongoing redundancy programme. This has resulted in a 10 p.c. increase in the line charge, so far, of £500,000 against one of £500,000 a year ago.

Exceptional charges were also a feature of the CompAir performance which was managed to hover around break-even after a £900,000 increase in redundancy costs to £1.1 million.

Further rationalisation of CompAir seems likely in the second half, especially after a management consultant has joined the board — albeit in a non-executive capacity.

But the group's immediate outlook rests with Maureen, and to a lesser extent with the Forties field. Given a full year of Maureen this time, against just under six months in 1983-84, the current year pre-tax target must be ranged between £65 million-£70 million.

At 518p the shares are on a prospective price-earnings multiple (assuming a tax charge of around 27 p.c.) of 9.5 times. Backed up by a prospective yield of 6.5 p.c. the shares are well worth staying with, but on the long-term problem area, CompAir shows that it is responding to treatment. It might be unwise to chase them much higher.

Youth training to go-it-alone

David Green visits young people learning to run a business at the Wyvern Work Unit, Leicester.

THERE are a dozen or so of them, young people in their late teens or early twenties, each allotted a glass partitioned 100 sq ft of space on the first floor of a factory in Leicester.

Some have college degrees, some have "A" levels while others left school with barely an "O" level. All are on-employed — and to make money.

They are members of the Wyvern Work Unit, an offshoot of the Wyvern Centre in Leicester's Haymarket shopping precinct, which serves as a focal point for the town's young unemployed.

Operated by the Charles Keesee College of Further Education, the centre tries to help young people in their search for jobs.

But, says Tim Smith, a department head at Charles Keesee, "we are finding that while lots of them had marketable skills there just weren't the jobs to fit them."

That is how the idea for the work unit came about. The Government's Youth Enterprise Scheme will lead money to people wanting to set up on their own but no matter how good the idea might be a young person is unlikely to have much knowledge of what is involved in running a business.

The Wyvern, formally established some six months ago, sets out to provide those business skills: book-keeping, letter writing, presenting, business plans to secure investment, preparing cashflow forecasts — and developing confidence in dealing with bureaucracy.

Shane Radford, 19, has been with the unit since the start. He left school with a couple of "O" levels and got a job with an illuminated sign manufacturer. He left after three years with an idea for going into the sign making business himself.

There is a new plastics product which is much cheaper but my firm didn't want to use it. They reckoned it would be easier to stick with what they've got."

Anart from working on the product in his glass cubicle the unit's three co-ordinators are giving him a crash course in running a business and how to present his idea to get a loan.

Shane, a slightly-built young man (Wyvernites don't wax fat on the taxed £40-a-week Y.E.S. allowance), is confident his Premier Signs will be under way early in the New Year. But he does have a complaint.

"People outside don't take us seriously at first. I don't altogether blame them but if you give a proper presentation they begin to listen."

It is too early yet to tell whether the Wyvern will be a success but the participants seem more than pleased with what is being done for them on what is a modest enough budget: £14,000 a year to pay for the rent, heating and lighting of the factory space and salaries for the co-ordinators and secretarial back-up.

One husband and wife team, Wendy and Jeff James, are producing and marketing hand-painted fashion clothes. Potter Michael Hollowell, with a part-time shop assistant wife helping to support him, is planning to make and sell his own designs to garden centres, florists and the like.

Three girl graduates to design from Leicester Polytechnic are trying to set up their own businesses. Two West Indian brothers who have been running canteens at nightclubs, pubs and dinner dances are aiming to become full-time entertainment promoters.

All acknowledge the help the work unit is giving them in learning how to run a business. But all belong together is one place also allows them to swap experiences.

"If we were all out on our own, trying to work from home or whatever," says Caroline Davis, one of the designers, "I'm not so sure we would find it so easy to get going."

"The great thing here," adds another, "is that we get an enthusiastic reaction to our own



Caroline Davis — "We get an enthusiastic reaction..."

Meyer International INTERIM RESULTS

	6 months to 30.9.84	6 months to 30.9.83	Year to 31.3.84
Turnover	284,052	279,772	549,884
Trading Profit	18,279	19,389	36,498
Profits on sales of tangible assets	325	795	2,076
Net interest payable	18,804	20,183	38,574
	2,545	3,484	6,701
Share of results of related companies	18	225	853
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	16,077	16,924	32,736
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	5,836	6,680	14,177
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	9,241	10,234	18,559
Extraordinary items (net of taxation)	278	167	239
Profit attributable to the members of the holding company	9,514	10,401	18,849
Earnings per Ordinary share	9.58p	10.62p	18.25p
Ordinary dividends — Cost	1.00p	1.00p	1.00p
Amount per Ordinary share	1.80p	1.65p	4.75p

The Chairman, Mr. Ronald Groves, comments: During our first half year the workload of that part of the construction industry in which we are principally engaged, relating to housing in all its forms, has been marginally less than for the same period in the previous year. Accordingly a lower demand for our products led to somewhat more competitive conditions and in the circumstances the slightly reduced trading profit may be regarded as satisfactory particularly in view of costs arising from the continuing change in the shape of the business. Borrowings continued to fall, giving a lower interest charge. We are still in the early stages of the second half of our year and the winter lies ahead. Whilst there are uncertainties we believe, subject to the usual qualifications, that the comment made in last July's Annual Report is still valid. — Present indications are that for the Group as a whole the year should be somewhat similar to that now reported."

Your Directors have increased the interim dividend to 1.80p (1.65p). This will be paid on 11th February 1985, to those members on the Register on the 10th January 1985.

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LONDON METAL MARKETS

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(All figures in £000's)	Half year to 30.9.84 (unaudited)	Half year to 30.9.83 (unaudited)	Year to 31.3.84 (audited)
Turnover	264,495	204,704	546,043
Trading profit	45,937	12,967	84,173
Depreciation	(26,199)	(12,057)	(36,652)
Income from allied companies	—	—	7,259
Share of profits of associates	3,398	3,085	11,542
Income from general investments	658	618	1,014
Interest (net)	(11,816)	(5,679)	(17,334)
Profit/(Loss) before tax	11,978	(1,066)	50,002
Tax	(3,037)	(751)	(7,849)
Profit/(Loss) after tax	8,941	(1,817)	42,153
Minority interests	(4,205)	(172)	(7,512)
Profit/(Loss) attributable	4,736	(1,989)	34,641

Figures for the half year provide limited guidance to the outcome of the year as they include no contribution from important elements of the Group's Belgian investments, and because of the influence of winter fuel consumption on the year's overall performance.

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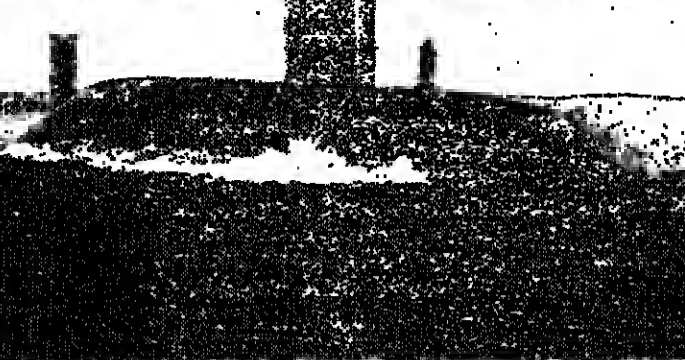
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W. INDIES' 11th VICTORY IN ROW TAKES SERIES

By ALAN SHIELL in Adelaide

THE West Indies equalled England's record of 26 Tests without defeat—set between 1968 and 1971—when they trounced Australia by 191 runs in the third Test at Adelaide Oval yesterday.

The match finished six minutes before tea on the fifth day when Australia, who had faced the task of scoring 365 runs for victory, were dismissed for 173 off 50.5 overs to just under four hours.

On a dry, barren pitch with increasingly uneven bounce, fast bowler Malcolm Marshall and off-spinner Roger Harper shared nine wickets to pave the way for the West Indies' 11th consecutive Test victory.

Marshall finished with match figures of 10-107 but Australia's main strike bowler, Geoff Lawson, was the player of the match award for his 11-181.

Vigorous Wessels

Left-hand opener, Kepler Wessels was the only Australian batsman to take the fight to the West Indies' bowlers. He scored 50 in his first innings and 88 in his second, with 15 boundaries, in 2½ hours.

The result, which gave the West Indies 3-0 lead in the five-Test series, provided great satisfaction for Clive Lloyd, the West Indies captain, who avenged his team's 1-5 defeat to Australia in 1975-76—the last time the teams contested a full series here.

Lloyd was leading the West Indies for the 72nd time in his 108 Tests and this was his 30th win as captain.

At the post-match Press conference, Lloyd gave some free advice to the Australian selectors. He said he would "love to be captain of Australia now—because I think you have some talented young cricketers around."

"Sooner or later you'll have to play them to see what they're made of. You've got to try to think what you need for the future."

Changes certain

The Australian selectors are certain to make changes for the fourth Test, which begins in Melbourne on Saturday. The most prominent candidates for promotion are opening batsman Andrew Hilditch, of South Australia, and batsmen Robbie Kerr and Greg Ritchie, of Queensland.

John Dyson is certain to be omitted, Terry Alderman's position is uncertain.

SCOREBOARD

WEST INDIES—First Innings	
W. Indies	356
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AUSTRALIA—First Innings	
A. Aus	284
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Headingley loses Test match place

By DEREK HODGSON

HEADINGLEY loses its place on the Test match rota by a decision of the winter meeting of the TCCB at fog-shrouded Lord's yesterday. "There was no opposition from Yorkshire," according to the Board's spokesman, Peter Lush.

The loss of Test status—automatic since 1981—for the Leeds ground will not be obvious until 1990, when, in a year of tours London will have three Test matches, while Leeds may have to be satisfied with two one-day internationals.

Mr Lush explained that the Board decided to plan ahead for the years 1986-90 because of the enormous costs involved in promoting Cornhill Tests and Texan Cup matches.

"It was agreed by the Board, without opposition, that the only grounds on which Tests would be played automatically would be Lord's and the Oval. The other four centres (Headingley, Old Trafford, Trent Bridge and Edgbaston) will operate a rota system."

Old Trafford praised

The Board will guarantee that the ground missing a Test match will be granted a one-day international and, in those cases where two teams are touring, there would possibly be a

allocation of two one-day games.

That news will hardly mollify Yorkshiremen, especially as the Board's decision has undoubtedly been influenced by Old Trafford's good record, especially in one-day matches.

Mr Lush added: "Within the most recent period, Old Trafford has probably performed better than almost any other ground except Lord's. Headingley's privileged position is not viable any longer on receipts."

Headingley wins approval for the work done in improving the ground, but the Board's decision to drop it from the Test match rota is a blow.

Third umpire

Surry will also follow Yorkshire's lead in compensating for the missing seating in another part of the ground.

Next summer the Board are to provide a third umpire for Test matches not to officiate but to stand by should the nominated official meet with an accident or illness. The third umpire will not necessarily be drawn from the Test match panel but will be appointed from the first class list.

HEAVY FINES FOR SLOW OVER RATES

COUNTY teams who fail to bowl an average of 18.5 overs an hour next season will fall foul of a long new fine system announced by the Test and County Cricket Board yesterday, writes Derek Hodgson.

If the 1985 system had been operating last summer Essex, the champions, who collected £15,000 prize money from Britannia Assurance, would have had to pay the Board £12,000 for an over rate of 16.0 and 15.53 in the first and second halves of the season.

Other counties liable for 6-figure fines would have been Kent, Middlesex and Surrey, none of whom managed to attain even 17 overs an hour over the summer.

The TCCB are reintroducing fines—despite the opposition of county captains—because the dry summer of 1984 confirmed that without such punishments, half of which is paid by the players, the rate slips dramatically.

Dismal figure

From 18.62 an hour in 1981, to 16.96 in 1982, the figure sank to a dismal 16.82.

A less severe fine system, which operated from 1978 until 1983, was scrapped last year on the introduction of 17 overs per day minimum. As expected, this had been reduced to 12 overs. Teams will not be allowed to return more than 25 overs per hour. This will allow the pace of bowling to speed up to 60 overs in a session.

PAKISTAN ROCKED BY WRIGHT

NEW ZEALAND made a bold reply to Pakistan's first innings total of 528 on the second day of the third cricket test in Karachi yesterday, John Wright hitting a fluent 81 not out as his side reached 99 for one.

The touring team's position might have been even healthier but for Bruce Edgar's unfortunate run out for 15. A fine throw from Saleem Malik in the covers left Edgar stranded after he was sent back in mid-pitch by Wright.

Pakistan had reached a much bigger total than they must have expected thanks to a gritty eighth-wicket stand between Anil Dalpat and Iqbal Qasim.

New Zealand had a chance of bowling out Pakistan for less than 50 as they removed the last two recognised batsmen within half an hour of yesterday's resumption.

Better application

But Dalpat and Qasim showed better application than the specialist batsmen, putting on 89 before Dalpat, who scored 52, was bowled by Stephen Bock.

Wright was in aggressive mood from the outset, attacking the bowling of Mudassar Nazar and Azeem Hafeez. Driving, cutting and pulling with great fire, he Zealand raced to 50 in less than 10 minutes.

Zaheer, desperate to check the run flow, brought on Iqbal Qasim and Wazim Raza and the spinners immediately applied the brakes.

Raza was unlucky not to remove Wright, on 38, in his second over when Qasim missed an easy chance at mid-volley.

Wright, who had hit 15 fours by the close, posted his second 50 of the series by thumping Qasim through the covers. He later pulled a huge six off Raza when the bowler dropped one short.

PAKISTAN—First Innings

Mudassar Nazar, c Smith, b Zaheer	5
Shoaib Mohammad, c Smith, b Zaheer	21
Qasim Qasim, b Wright	52
Iqbal Qasim, c Smith, b Wright	13
Zaheer Abbas, c Smith, b Wright	13
Salim Malik, c Smith, b Wright	60
Wazim Raza, c Smith, b Wright	2
Abdul Qadir, c Smith, b Wright	24
Arif Ali, c Smith, b Wright	15
Extras 15.5, 16.6, 16.5, 16.15	
Total	528

Second Test

Marks may play as third spinner

By MICHAEL CAREY in New Delhi

ENGLAND, one down in the series, enter the second Test against India in New Delhi today in the knowledge that they have never lost here, and also aware that a recently re-laid pitch may lend itself more towards an outright result than its counterpart did three years ago.

It is brown, bare and there are cracks in its surface. Thus, England have added Vic Marks, rather than Neil Foster, to the side beaten in Bombay and the final place apparently rests between him and Chris Cowdrey.

So far so good. What needs to be stressed, I feel, is that the appearance of pitches can often be deceptive, especially in this part of the world, and that when three spinners are played it is not always easy to find employment for them all.

If the ball turns, then Pocock and Edmonds, between them, should be capable of bowling India out. If not, they have the ability to contain, as illustrated in Bombay, and Marks might be seen only briefly in the role of stock bowler, though admittedly his batting would be an asset.

Time to wait

England's tour selectors have watched Marks' bowling carefully here in the hope of detecting more penetration but while he remains mostly very accurate, with subtle variations, he does not seem likely to trouble batsmen who, unlike in one-day cricket, can wait patiently for the loose ball.

So Cowdrey, whose innings of 70 against North Zone at the weekend provided evidence of excellent form, may well make his second appearance.

Despite all the gloomy prognostications, the pitch may turn out to be of those posing no more problems than that of pace and a low bounce. In that case England might well prevail with accurate seam bowling, always provided they can at last bat with discipline.

By going in with the extra batsman they are again insuring themselves against trouble. It did not work in Bombay and it will not succeed here unless one or two batsmen prove they can get their heads down and build a long innings.

Unproductive tour

On the basis that a batsman of class will make runs sooner or later, the maybe, David Gower and Allan Lamb will come good here. After his heroics against the West Indies last Summer, Lamb has had a surprisingly unproductive tour, with scores of 18, 34, 50 not out, 8, 1, 3 and 20.

The manner of some of his failures has also been disturbing. I dare not think what some of the professionals murmur when they hear of a batsman being caught at mid-on or stumped within five or 10 minutes of starting an innings in a Test match.

England's bowlers will be encouraged by knowing the ball sometimes surfaces here. In 1972, Geoff Arnold played an important role in England's win, as John Lever did four years later. It is a pity that England are not held enough in pink fister in support by Ellison and Cowans, but there it is.

Elison's education

Cowan's pace may be a key factor, especially if the bounce is low. It is hoped that he can trouble the likes of Gavaskar and Venkataratnam, even on the slowest of pitches, while for Ellison every day furthers his cricketing education.

It is impossible not to sympathise with him. He has been in the game for only two years, does not take the new ball for Kent, yet here finds himself opening the bowling for England in conditions where there is usually no margin for error.

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GAVASKAR SEEKS TOP FORM

By BILL FRINDALL

Sumit Gavaskar, India's captain, has exceeded his record Test aggregate to 8,516 runs but has not scored a 50 in any of his five innings against Pakistan (48, 37 and 35) and England (27 and 5) this season.

Three batsmen are no the threshold of notable Test career landmarks: Amarnath needs 55 for 3,000 runs, Gavaskar 61 for 2,000, and Fowler 38 for 1,000.

England have lost eight Test matches during 1984—five to West Indies and one each to New Zealand, Pakistan, and India. That equals the unhappy record of India, who lost eight matches during 1959.

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KALA DANCER TOP-RATED IN FREE HANDICAP

By HOTSPUR (Peter Scott)

A KINSMAN, who missed a Wetherby clash with Burrough Hill Lad and Wayward Lad last weekend, should justify his stable's realistic choice of race by winning the Tommy Whittle 'Chase at Haydock Park this afternoon.

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Gave Chance, receiving 18lb from Burrough Hill Lad, finished 24 lengths behind him and made several serious jumping mistakes.

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Very Promising, third to Dawn 800 in last season's Champion Hurdle, will have his first race since he was beaten 10 lengths by him when they finished first and second in the Sue Alliance 'Chase at Cheltenham last spring.

Kala Dancer, surprise winner of the William Hill Dewhurst Stakes, is a two-year-old, but his handicap is only 25 behind him.

TODAY'S HAYDOCK PARK SELECTIONS
HOTSPUR COURSE CORR. FORM
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9 30 **FESTIVAL OF FILM**—Christopher Frayling picks out some of the highlights from the recent 28th London Film Festival.

10 00 **OUT OF COURT**—With David Jessel and Sue Cook.

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5 00 **ILLAS NEWSHEET**.

7 30 CORONATION STREET (Orade sub-titles).

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8 30 MIKE YARWOOD IN PERSONS.

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5 NIGHT THOUGHTS with Dr Sheila Cassidy.

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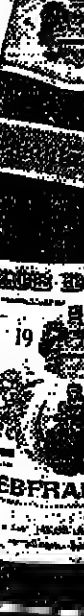
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